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WE have chosen for our subject the monuments in the churches of Stoak, Backford, and Thornton-le-Moors, principally because they include a number of curious monumental panels, of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, painted on wood in oil colours, which have apparently always hung on the church walls, much in the manner of pictures in a dwelling-house. These panels are quite distinct from hatchments. They display the arms, in most cases accompanied by the helm, mantlet, crest, and quarterings of the persons commemorated in the inscriptions, which appear in black lettering on a gold or yellow ground below the armorial achievements.

Similar panels may be seen in several other Cheshire churches, and probably in some Lancashire ones also. The black frames of these paintings are worthy of a passing notice; a few of them are plain, but the greater part are decorated, in gilt or yellow, with cross-bones, skulls, bezants, and rosettes, and some have representations of cherubim at the corners. That they were for the most part painted by members of the Holme family, of Chester, there can be but little doubt, for it is well known that the four Randle Holmes were busy arms-painters, constantly

employed in various kinds of heraldic work by the local gentry. All four generations belonged to the "Company of Painters, Glaziers, Embroiderers, and Stationers" of Chester, and they seem to have been very diligent antiquaries, leaving behind them large and valuable collections of manuscripts, relating principally to the genealogy and heraldry of Cheshire, which are now preserved among the Harleian manuscripts in the British Museum.[1]

Randle Holme the first (*c.* 1571–1655) was Deputy to the College of Arms, and was Mayor of Chester in 1633.

His son, *Randle Holme the second* (1601–1659), was Mayor of Chester in 1643.

His son, *Randle Holme the third* (1627–1704), was the author of a large and very scarce heraldic work, entitled "An Accademie of Armory, or a Store House of Armory and Blazon," printed at Chester. He was Sewer of the Chamber in Extraordinary to Charles II., and Deputy to the College of Arms for Cheshire, Lancashire, and North Wales.

His son, *Randle Holme the fourth* (1659–1707), was the least distinguished of the family.

Randle Holme the third assumed official duties which he had no right to perform, and came under the displeasure of the Heralds, suffering damages in an action at law at the suit of Sir William Dugdale, then Norroy King of Arms. Sir William's biographer says—

"And farther to vindicate the just rights of his sayd Office [of Norroy] comenced a Sute at the Comon Law against one Randle Holme, a paynter in the Citty of Chester, who had boldly invaded the Office of him the said Norroy, by preparing Atchievements for the Funeral of S^r^ Raphe Ashton of Middleton, in the

[1] An interesting account of this family was contributed to the *Journal of the Chester Archæological Society* in 1892 by the late Mr. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A.

County of Lancaster, Kn^t^ and giving directions for a formall proceeding at the solemnity thereof. Whereupon he had a verdict against him the sayd Holmes, at the generall Aſsizes held at Stafford in March, a^o^ 1667 [–8], and recovered good damages [£20] w^th^ costs of suit."[1]

In his diary, Dugdale records how he went to the churches of Ashton-under-Lyne in Lancashire, Chirk in Denbighshire, the City of Chester, Eastham in Wirral, Nether Peover and Budworth, and pulled down and sometimes defaced the achievements of arms which "Holme y^e^ Paynter" had hung up. Randle Holme, it is clear, encroached even further than by hanging up achievements of arms in churches, and took upon himself to act in the capacity of a herald at funerals; for one who was friendly to Dugdale, Dr. Theophilus Howorth, of Manchester, wrote to him on the 30th May 1665, in the following terms:[2]—

"—— Holme of Chester hath lately done as much worke at a funerall solemnity, as hee received for his part 40*l.* and marshalled the buſineſs himselfe: the spurs, gantlet, sword, coat, banners, hearse, and horse in black led, and mourners to attend the solemnity and hearse, were all there, at a B^t's^ funerall. I onely give you this notice that if hee have invaded your right you may doe what you thinke good to prevent future insolent intrusion of ꝑsons not legally qualifyed to marshall such solemnityes. . . ."

The quarrel was, however, at last made up, we may well assume, by the "paynter" submitting to the authority of the Heralds, and he was appointed their Deputy for Cheshire, Lancashire, and North Wales.

It does not appear from Dugdale's diary that he ever went to Stoak, Backford, or Thornton-le-

[1] *The Life, Diary, and Correspondence of Sir William Dugdale, knight, sometime Garter Principal King of Arms* . . . Edited by William Hamper, Esq., F.S.A., London, 1827.

[2] *Ibid.*, and Dugdale's *Visitation of Lancashire*, 1664–65; *Chetham Society*, vol. lxxxviii., Life, &c., p. 24.

Moors, and so we may suppose that the achievements of arms, pennons, &c., remained in those churches undisturbed.

The Bunbury family gave the Holmes much employment, and from the panels which still remain and the marble and stone monuments at Stoak, it is not difficult to construct a very satisfactory genealogy of the Bunburys of Stanney from the reign of Elizabeth to that of George II., as will be seen by reference to the annexed pedigree, which is intended to serve as an explanatory index to the Bunbury monuments printed in these pages. This is a remarkable instance of the completeness with which the monumental records of a family may substantiate their pedigree.

The arms of the Bunburys deserve a closer investigation than can be made from the present available materials; the absence of early armorial seals making such a task impossible of satisfactory fulfilment.

According to the generally received pedigrees of Bunbury, their first ancestor of that name was one of the descendants, in the male line, of St. Pierre of Normandy. The St. Pierres are said to have borne for arms *Argent, a bend Sable*, and here we have the foundation of the somewhat later Bunbury arms, *Argent, on a bend Sable, three chess-rooks of the first*, although David de Boneberi, younger brother of Henry de Boneberi, *temp.* Stephen, is reputed to have sealed with *a lion passant.* However, David's grandson, Patrick de Bunbury, *temp.* Henry III., according to Ormerod, bore the St. Pierre coat. He was the father of Alexander de Bunbury, living A.D. 1230, who was heir-male of Joan Bunbury, daughter and co-heiress of William the son of Henry de Bunbury named above.

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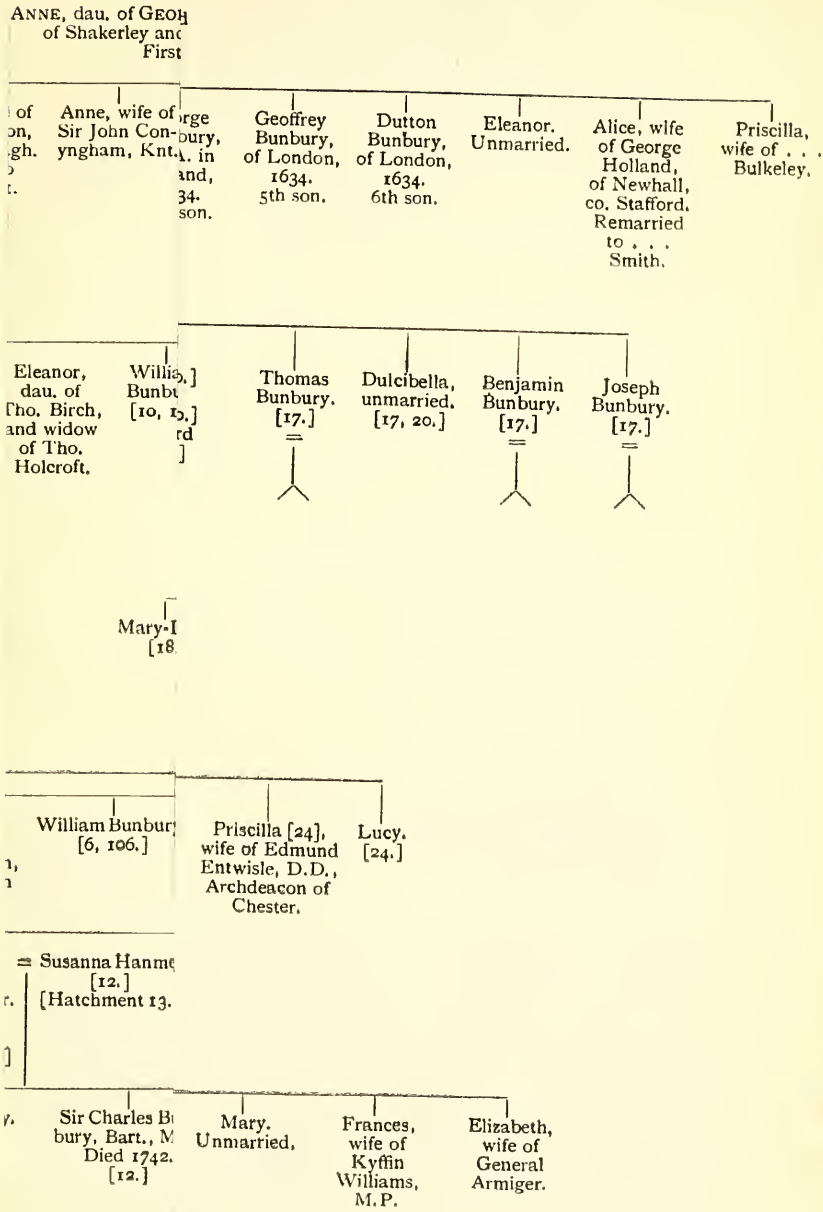

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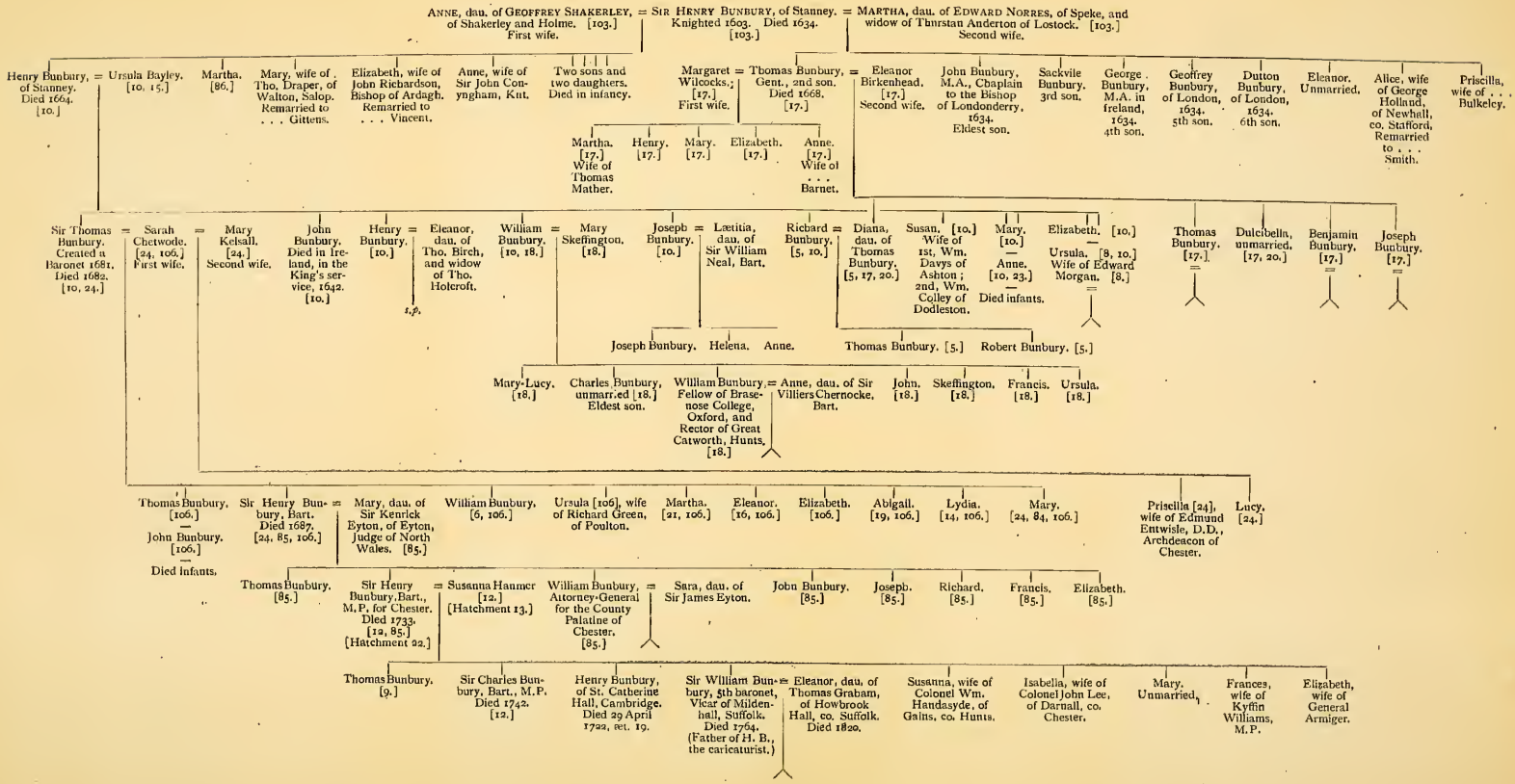
Anne, dau. of Geoffrey Shakerley, of Shakerley and Holme. [103.] First wife.
Sir Henry Bunbury, of Stanney. Knighted 1603. Died 1634. [103.]
Martha, dau. of Edward Norres, of Speke, and widow of Thurstan Anderton of Lostock. [103.] Second wife.
Henry Bunbury, of Stanney. Died 1664. [10.]
Ursula Bayley. [10, 15.]
Martha. [86.]
Mary, wife of Tho. Draper, of Walton, Salop. Remarried to . . . Gittens.
Elizabeth, wife of John Richardson, Bishop of Ardagh. Remarried to . . . Vincent.
Anne, wife of Sir John Conyngham, Knt.
Two sons and two daughters. Died in infancy.
Margaret Wilcocks. [17.] First wife.
Thomas Bunbury, Gent., 2nd son. Died 1668. [17.]
Eleanor Birkenhead. [17.] Second wife.
John Bunbury, M.A., Chaplain to the Bishop of Londonderry, 1634. Eldest son.
Sackvile Bunbury. 3rd son.
George Bunbury, M.A. in Ireland, 1634. 4th son.
Geoffrey Bunbury, of London, 1634. 5th son.
Dutton Bunbury, of London, 1634. 6th son.
Eleanor. Unmarried.
Alice, wife of George Holland, of Newhall, co. Stafford. Remarried to . . . Smith.
Priscilla, wife of . . . Bulkeley.
Martha. [17.] Wife of Thomas Mather.
Henry. [17.]
Mary. [17.]
Elizabeth. [17.]
Anne. [17.] Wife of . . . Barnet.
Sir Thomas Bunbury. Created a Baronet 1681. Died 1682. [10, 24.]
Sarah Chetwode. [24, 106.] First wife.
Mary Kelsall. [24.] Second wife.
John Bunbury. Died in Ireland, in the King's service, 1642. [10.]
Henry Bunbury. [10.]
s.p.
Eleanor, dau. of Tho. Birch, and widow of Tho. Holcroft.
William Bunbury. [10, 18.]
Mary Skeffington. [18.]
Joseph Bunbury. [10.]
Lætitia, dau. of Sir William Neal, Bart.
Richard Bunbury. [5, 10.]
Diana, dau. of Thomas Bunbury. [5, 17, 20.]
Susan. [10.] Wife of 1st, Wm. Davys of Ashton; 2nd, Wm. Colley of Dodleston.
Mary. [10.] — Anne. [10, 23.] — Died infants.
Elizabeth. [10.] — Ursula. [8, 10.] Wife of Edward Morgan. [8.]
Thomas Bunbury. [17.]
Dulcibella, unmarried. [17, 20.]
Benjamin Bunbury. [17.]
Joseph Bunbury. [17.]
Joseph Bunbury.
Helena.
Anne.
Thomas Bunbury. [5.]
Robert Bunbury. [5.]
Mary-Lucy. [18.]
Charles Bunbury, unmarried. [18.] Eldest son.
William Bunbury, Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, and Rector of Great Catworth, Hunts. [18.]
Anne, dau. of Sir Villiers Chernocke, Bart.
John. [18.]
Skeffington. [18.]
Francis. [18.]
Ursula. [18.]
Thomas Bunbury. [106.] — John Bunbury. [106.] — Died infants.
Sir Henry Bunbury, Bart. Died 1687. [24, 85, 106.]
Mary, dau. of Sir Kenrick Eyton, of Eyton, Judge of North Wales. [85.]
William Bunbury. [6, 106.]
Ursula [106], wife of Richard Green, of Poulton.
Martha. [21, 106.]
Eleanor. [16, 106.]
Elizabeth. [106.]
Abigail. [19, 106.]
Lydia. [14, 106.]
Mary. [24, 84, 106.]
Priscilla [24], wife of Edmund Entwisle, D.D., Archdeacon of Chester.
Lucy. [24.]
Thomas Bunbury. [85.]
Sir Henry Bunbury, Bart., M.P. for Chester. Died 1733. [12, 85.] [Hatchment 22.]
Susanna Hanmer [12.] [Hatchment 13.]
William Bunbury, Attorney-General for the County Palatine of Chester. [85.]
Sara, dau. of Sir James Eyton.
John Bunbury. [85.]
Joseph. [85.]
Richard. [85.]
Francis. [85.]
Elizabeth. [85.]
Thomas Bunbury. [9.]
Sir Charles Bunbury, Bart., M.P. Died 1742. [12.]
Henry Bunbury, of St. Catherine Hall, Cambridge. Died 29 April 1722, æt. 19.
Sir William Bunbury, 5th baronet, Vicar of Mildenhall, Suffolk. Died 1764. (Father of H. B., the caricaturist.)
Eleanor, dau. of Thomas Graham, of Howbrook Hall, co. Suffolk. Died 1820.
Susanna, wife of Colonel Wm. Handasyde, of Gains, co. Hunts.
Isabella, wife of Colonel John Lee, of Darnall, co. Chester.
Mary. Unmarried.
Frances, wife of Kyffin Williams, M.P.
Elizabeth, wife of General Armiger.

and Henry, the younger, marrying the daughter and heiress of William de Beeston, took that name and was ancestor of the Beestons of Beeston, who bore the old St. Pierre coat with the allusive addition of *three black bees volant* on each side of the bend. Alexander is said to have placed the *three chess-rooks on the bend*,[1] but we have found no actual proof of this statement, and the origin of the chess-rooks is unknown.[2]

The Stanney quartering, *Argent, a fesse between three pheasants Gules*, was brought in, *temp.* Edward III., by the marriage of David de Bunbury with the daughter and sole heiress of David de Stanney.

The marriage of Henry Bunbury of Stanney, *temp.* Henry VIII., with Margaret, daughter and heiress of Hugh Aldersey of Chester (who afterwards became the wife of Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton), brought the Aldersey arms into the Bunbury shield, and with them those of Barton, Stalker, Bamville, and Sylvester.

The Aldersey coat, *Gules, on a bend engrailed Argent, between two cinquefoils Or, three leopards' faces Vert*, was granted in 1597 to Lawrence Aldersey, who had travelled in Æthiopia in 1580, a first cousin once removed to Margaret Bunbury named above. So it seems doubtful whether the Chester Alderseys were actually entitled to bear these arms; however, they seem to have openly, if wrongly,

[1] The ancient family of Hooton, of Hooton, sometimes called Wallensis of Hooton, are said to have borne Argent, on a bend Vert three mullets of the first, but the seal of Henry de Hotun, A.D. 1349, displays *a bend cotised, charged with three chess-rooks.* The heiress of these Hootons was married to Sir William Stanley, who died about 1427. (See Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 410.)

[2] Wotton, in his *Baronetage*, 1741, states that "Roger de Bunbury of Stanny, living 36 Edw. III., was the first who for his signature gave the present coat of arms of the family; given him, (as by tradition,) for his great skill in martialing the troops of that warlike and victorious prince, Edw. III." Some confirmation of this picturesque story seems to be needed.

assumed them with the difference of a golden mullet in middle chief.

Hugh de Aldersey, who was living in the middle of the fourteenth century, married the daughter and heiress of Richard de Barton and brought the arms, *Argent, a bend cotised*[1] *Sable*, into the Aldersey shield. In the panels this coat is painted with single cotises.

William de Aldersey, son of Hugh, by his marriage with the daughter and heiress of John Stalker of Lower Spurstow, acquired for his descendants another quartering, *Sable, two bars Argent*, which is identical with the coat of the well-known Cheshire family of Brereton.

The next quartering, *Or, on a chief Gules three trefoils slipped of the first; with the difference of a crescent of the second in the fesse-point*, came in by the marriage of Hugh Aldersey of Chester (the father of Margaret Bunbury named above) with Elizabeth, daughter of Randle Bamville of Gawsworth, a descendant of the Bamvilles of Chester. Elizabeth Bamville is not described as being the heiress of her father in any of the pedigrees that we have seen, but the inclusion of the Bamville arms and those of Sylvester, mentioned below, among the Bunbury quarterings suggests that whoever first marshalled this achievement considered her as an heiress.

The Bamville arms would be accompanied by those of Sylvester of Storeton, *Argent, a tree eradicated proper, fructed Gules*, as a quartering; because Sir Thomas Bamville married Agnes, daughter and heiress of Alexander de Storeton, *alias* Sylvester, and their younger son Alexander de Bamville was ancestor of the Bamvilles of Chester.

[1] Sometimes described as *double cotised;* the effigy of Sir Patrick de Barton, at Farndon church, holds a shield bearing a bend with plain single cotises.

In taking notes in these churches we have made a point of copying every inscription, whether in stone, wood, or glass, and whether of apparent importance or not, desiring to place on permanent record an absolutely complete statement.

It will be seen, on a comparison of these inscriptions with the same ones as printed in Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, that the latter, in many instances, were not accurately copied. For this reason we have included in the following pages many monumental inscriptions which are already in print.

Want of space has prevented the inclusion in these pages of more than a very few of the inscriptions in the churchyards. Too little attention is, perhaps, being paid by genealogists to monumental inscriptions generally, and particularly to those in churchyards, which are exposed to the action of wind, rain, and frost, and to the tender mercies of the vandal and the restorer. From monuments facts may be obtained which are not revealed either by wills or parish registers, but which may be of the greatest assistance in the preparation of family histories. It may be urged that many churchyard tombstones are of practically no interest, because they commemorate persons of humble birth, but we think this is really no sufficient reason why their inscriptions should be neglected; a very little reflection will remind any one that commercial enterprise, successful military service, or a career in the profession of the church, law, or medicine, has frequently caused "the rude forefathers of the hamlet" to become the not distant ancestors of persons who have honourably attained positions of exalted rank, thereby investing the memorials of their yeoman ancestors with greatly increased genealogical interest. It must also be remembered that individuals and families suffer misfortunes, and that many an

apparently humble tombstone may be that of the descendant of a family which was armigerous centuries ago and whose descendants may yet rise again to revive its ancient glory.

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The Church of St. Lawrence, at Stoak, otherwise Stoke, in the Hundred of Wirral, in the County of Chester.

Near the west door and under the tower is a fine and very large parish chest of oak ; it formerly had five locks, of which four remain. There are four massive hinges, with iron straps. On the lid is carved in bold letters—

[1]

RICH◇DENSON & THO. TAYLOR·A°86 CHW [1]

[2] THE VESTRY

A painted board hung on the wall—

The accommodation in this CHURCH
was enlarged by the Erection of a
Gallery in the Year 1827, by which
means 55 additional sittings were
obtained, and in consequence of a
grant from the SOCIETY for pro=
=moting the Enlargement & Building
of Churches and Chapels, the
whole of that number are
hereby declared to be FREE
and unappropriated for ever.
Also in the same Year a new
Tower, and the north Transept
were added, and the south wall
and south Transept
were rebuilt.
A. W. SCHOMBERG, A.M., Minister.
WILLIAM ELLIS, } Church Wardens.
JOSEPH SHEPHERD, }

[1] The date is evidently 1686. See No. 3.

[3]

A painted board hung on the wall—

The Gifts of ſeverall pious & Charitable | perſons to ye Poor of this Parish of Stoake, | in the County of Cheſter, Anno 1685.

To the Poor.

Richd Pilkinton stw. to | Henry Bunbury of Stañey | Eſqr gave 20li to remain as | a ſtock & ye jnterest thereof | to be given yearly to ye | Poor. Ano 1667. ...| Elizabeth, third daught | er of ye ſaid Henry Bunbur Eſqr gave 5li ye jntereſt there | of to be given yearly to the | Poor, Anno 1669. . . . | William, third ſon of ye said | Henry Bunbury Eſqr gave— 5li to be paid by 20s per | Annum for ye ſpace of 5 years | which was accordingly | paid & is now diſcharged (76) | Sr Thomas (eldeſt ſon of ye | aforeſaid Henry Bunbury | Eſqr) Barrtt gave 3 hundred | thirty & fourli to remain as | a ſtock, ye jntreſt to be giv= | en yearly to ye Poor 1682. |

To y^e ffree ſchool of Stan | : ney parva |

Sr Thō Bunbury Barrtt, | eldeſt ſon of ye aforeſaid | Henry Eſqr, ffirſt built & | founded ye ſaid ffree ſchool | of his own proper coſt | & Charges; & likewiſe en | =dowed it with 12 pounds. | per Annum for ſeverall yeares in his lifetime. | And att his deceaſe left | the Summe of two hundred | pounds to remain as a | ſtock to be improved | for ye uſe & maintenance | of the ſchoolmaſter. . . . | [An illegible name] of Poole | left 20 shilt per Annum for | ye vſe of ye ffree ſchool of Sta | ney to be paid to ye School= | =maſter upon every Easter munday | for ever | Richd Danson & Thō. Tay= | lor, Churchwardens 1685. |

[4]

Carved on the wooden cover of the font—

To the glory | of God and in | loving memory of | Sarah Ann Davies. |

[5] The North Transept

On the west wall, in a frame bearing traces of ornament, is a painted panel. Above is an armorial achievement with two helms and a fine

Next vnder this
Place lyeth Richard
youngest son & Heir
Bunbury of Stanley
Esq. with Diana his wife
Daughter of Thomas a
younger son of S. Henery Bunbury of Stanley in com Cest. K.
He died 1 July 24 Ano 1674 Aged 1 33 years
She died March 5 Ano 1710 Aged 66 years
They had only two sons, Thomas & Robert. Thomas died 06b.
y. 6. Ano 1691 Aged 20 years. And is here Buried.
Robert dy'd Aug. 20. 1717 Aged 44 years and is
here bury'd.

IN STOAK CHURCH

No. 5

scrolled mantlet Gules doubled Argent, on each helm the *Bunbury* crest, viz.: Two swords saltier-wise, passing through the mouth of a leopard's face Or, the blades proper, hilts gold. Arms: Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, Argent, on a bend Sable three chess-rooks of the first [*Bunbury*]; 2nd, Argent, a fesse between three pheasants Gules [*Stanney*]; 3rd, Gules, on a bend engrailed, between two cinquefoils Argent, three leopards' faces Vert; in chief a mullet Or [*Aldersey of Chester*]; 4th, Argent, a bend cotised Sable [*Barton*]; 5th, Sable, two bars Argent [*Stalker*]; 6th, Or, on a chief Gules three trefoils slipped of the first; in the fesse-point a crescent of the first [*Bamville*]; 7th, Argent, a tree eradicated proper, fructed Gules [*Sylvester of Storeton*]. Over all in the fesse-point a mullet Or. Impaling the same eight coats with a crescent Or in the fesse-point.

Below the arms is the inscription—

Next vnder this Place lyeth Richard | youngest son to Henry Bunbury of Stanney | Esq^r^ with Diana his wife, Daughter of Thomas a | younger son of S^r^ Henery Bunbury of Stanney in Com. Cest^r^ Kt. |

He } died { July 24 Año 1674 } Aged { 32 years
She } died { March 5 Año 1710 } Aged { 66 years

They had only two sons, Thomas & Robert. Thomas died Octob | y^e^ 6^th^ Año 1691, Aged 20 years. And is here Buried: | Robert dy'd Aug^t^ 20^th^ 1717 Aged 44 years and is | here bur'yd. |

Richard Bunbury of Stanney made a nuncupative will on 20th July 1674, giving his land in Shropshire to his eldest son Thomas, then a minor, and mentioning his younger son Robert. It was proved at Chester 5th September 1674 by the oaths of his widow Diana Bunbury and Thomas Berkhened of Backford, gent. The inventory taken by the same Thomas Berkhened and Richard Hulse, senior, of Stanney, yeoman, on 11th August 1674, contains his sword and apparel, £10, a trunk wherein his apparel usually lay, the picture of S^r^ Henry Bunbury, £1, 6s. 8d., a jack to roast withall, and his bow and quiver with the arrows thereof, 6s. 8d.

A defaced memorial to Elizabeth, daughter of . . . Bunbury, mentioned by Ormerod, is missing.

[6]

On the north wall, in a plain frame, is a painted panel with a shield having the *Bunbury* crest on either side. Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with the difference of a martlet Or in chief; 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville*, with the difference of a crescent Gules in the fesse-point; 7th, *Sylvester.*

Below the shield on an ornamental cartouche is the inscription—

Neře to this place lyeth jnterred y^e^ Body | of William Bunbury second soñe of Tho: | Bunbury of Stanney Eſq^r^ who died y^e^ 21^th^ | day of Aprill Año: Dñi: mdclxxij Be: | tweene y^e^ 9^th^ & 10^th^ yeare of his age: [A chess-rook.]

[7]

On the north wall is a brass; the lettering in mixed styles of capital letters rubricated, within an ivy leaf border—

To the Memory of John Grace of Whitby Hall, | in this parish who died in June 1780, aged 74 years | and Anne his wife who died November 27^th^ 1759. | also of John Grace, of Whitby Hall, | aforesaid who died September 10^th^ 1845, aged 72 years | and Anne Jane his wife who died March 16^th^ 1864, aged 83 years. | and also of John Grace, of Whitby Hall, | aforesaid (eldest son of the last named John Grace) | who died december 22^nd^ 1902, aged 88 years. |

Anne Jane Grace was the daughter of Robert Richardson, of Walton, co. Lancaster. John Grace, who died in 1902, was a J.P. for Cheshire, and, in 1848, married Susanna Egerton, daughter of Thomas Webster of Overchurch Hill, co. Chester.

[8]

On the east wall, in a frame decorated with rosettes and cross-bones, is a painted panel, with an achievement of arms, having two esquires' helms

Here vnder lieth y Body of Edward Morgan of Coulden grove in
flintshire Esq: he marr: Vrsula dau: to Henry Bunbury of Stanney Esq
& had issue Edw: Eliz &c he died 22 of nov: 1682 Aged 38 years
the said Vrsula dyed 27 of Nov. 1709 Aged 72
He was son & heire of y noble Captaine Edw: Morgan who was slain
at winnington bridge Anno 1659 by Eliz: dau: of Tho: whitley of Stoc
Gyf: who was son & heire of Robert Morgan of Coulden grove 1613 by
Sarah: dau: of Will: Jones of castle Hewlen Esq: son & heire of Edw: Morgan

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mantled Gules, doubled Argent. Arms: Quarterly 1st and 4th, Gules, a chevron Ermine between three Englishmen's heads couped at the neck in profile Argent [*Ednyfed Vychan*]; 2nd, Gules, a chevron between three stags' heads cabossed Argent [*Coytmore?*]; 3rd, Azure, a lion passant Argent [*Ithel Vychan*]. Impaling, quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet for difference; 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville*, with a crescent for difference; 7th, *Sylvester*. Crests: 1st, On a wreath Argent and Gules, a martlet Or [a Cornish chough proper], *Morgan;* 2nd, *Bunbury*.

Below is the inscription—

Here vnder lieth y^e^ Body of Edward Morgan of Goulden Grove jn | Flintshire Esq^r^: he mar̃r̃: Vrsula dau: to Henry Bunbury of Stanney Esq^r^ | & had issue Edw̃: Eliz: & [blank] he died 22^d^ of novẽm̃: 1682, Aged 38: years | the said Vrsula dyed 27 of Nov: 1709 Aged 72 | He was son & heire of y^e^ noble Captaine Edw: Morgan who was slaine | at winnington bridge Aũg̃ 1659, by Eliz̃: dau: of Tho: Whitley of Aston | Esq^r^ who was son & heire of Robert Morgan of Gouldengrove Esqr: By | Kath: dau: of Wiłł: Ions of Castlemarch K^t^ son & heire of Edw: Morgan | Esq^r^ originally descended frõ: S^r^ Tudor ap Ednevidd Vichan one of y^e^ 15 famileys | or houses of greatest account in North Wales. |

There is a pedigree of this family in Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853, which differs in some particulars from that given on the above monument. The battle of Winnington Bridge, near Northwich, sometimes called the last battle of the Civil War, was fought on the 19th August 1659, as the outcome of the "Cheshire Rising." Sir George Booth, who, with Sir Thomas Middleton, had seized Chester, but was unable to take the Castle, was met by General Lambert near Winnington Bridge and defeated. Sir George was created Lord Delamer of Dunham Massey in 1661.

[9]

On the east wall, below the last, in a frame decorated with skulls and cross-bones, is a painted

panel, with a shield of the arms of *Bunbury* alone, differenced by a label of three points Gules in sinister chief, and having the *Bunbury* crest on an esquire's helm mantled Gules, doubled Argent.

Below the shield is the inscription—

Neere this place lyeth y^e^ Body: | of Thomas Bunbury Eſq^r^ Eldest Son | of S^r^ Henry Bunbury of Stanney, Bar^tt^ | By Susanna his wife, who was Born y^e^ | last day of Iune j70i, & dyed y^e^ 2ist day: | of Aprill in y^e^ year of our lord 1702. |

[10] THE CHANCEL

On the north wall of the chancel is a large white marble monument, highly decorated with scrolls and festoons, having the inscription on an oval black stone in the centre; at the top is a shield of *Bunbury* alone, with an esquire's helm, mantlet, and crest. At the dexter side is a shield of *Bunbury;* and at the sinister side a shield of *Baily*, Argent, three torteaux and a chief Gules, and at the base a shield of *Bunbury* impaling *Baily.*

The inscription is in capital letters—

Nere this place | Lyeth interred ẏ^e^ Body | of Henry Bvnbvry Esq^r^ | eldest sonn of Henry Bvnbvry | of Stanney in the Covntie of | Chester K^t^ | together with | Vrsvla Bvnbvry the davghter of Iohn Baily of Hodsden in the Countie | of Hartford Esq | His most loveinge wife |

He	dyed	Febr: ĩ å dni: 1664	aged	68 yeares
She	dyed	Mart: 23 å dni: 1652	aged	53 yeares

the most deare parents | of Thō: Iohn Henry Will^m^ Ioseph & Rich^d^ sons | & of Svsan Mary Anne Eliž: & Vrsvla davgters | Iohn dyed in ẏ^e^ service of his King & Covntrie | In Ireland. A° 1642. | Mary and Anne dyed in theire minoritie | In memorie whereof the fower yovngest | Sonnes and two yovngest davghters | have erected this Monvment | A° Salvtis 1668. |

Henry Bunbury of Stanney, Esq., made his will, which is in an unfinished state and unexecuted, on a large sheet of paper with a small piece of paper attached, on 3 August 1663, and it was proved at Chester by his sons Henry and William on 13 February, and in solemn form on 16 March 1664–5. The testator describing himself as "the unprofitable servant of the lord beeinge in perfect health and memory doe willingly and with a free hart render and give againe into the hands of my lord god and Creator my Soule and Spirit not doubting, &c. . . . when I shall depart out of this sinfull and miserable worlde." If he dies "in these partes" to be buried in the Chancell of Stoake Church "under the great white flagg stone that is in the middle of the said chancell which adjoynith to the grave of my deceased wife of the one side and the other side thereof reacheth to the pue or seate wherein I did usually sit in." "Unto my eldest son, Thomas (my lands being already estated to him) his choyce of one of my best horses, my gould ring with my crest . . . my greate silver seale with my Coate of Armes upon it. Vnto my eldest daughter Susanna £5, my sonn in law Davies her first husband having receaved &c." To my daughter Elizabeth "my pockett-watch." "To my soonnes and daughters Henry, William, Joseph, Richard, Elisabeth, and Ursula all the rest" of my personal estate. Mentions "my Grant from the King and Chancery at London of the Tyth of Stoake (the which Tyth of Corne and graine of the Rectory of Stoake aforesaid)." . . . To Richard Pilkinton £5, also to Ma'. Mason and John Milnor legacies. Mentions a number of silver cups, &c., "my moneys & Goulde bequeathed to my younger children . . . the particulars thereof are these . . . five thousand poundes and twenty-five poundes, whereof two hundred [and] seventie three poundes seventeen shillinges sixepence is in goulde and the rest is in silver all which sum of money . . . also the silver plate . . . are eather in trunkes & chestes in a little roome betwixt the Buttery Chamber and the cloes closet wheare Richard Pilkington lieth or in my clofset by my Bedchamber in trunke cubbart and Cabinett covered with a seale skin and bound with iron."

Elizabeth Bunbury, daughter of Henry Bunbury, late of Stanley [*sic*], co. Chester, Esq., deceased, being "sicke and weake," made her will dated 20 July, 21 Charles II. [1669] proved at Chester 24 October 1669. The testatrix desires to be buried "if I dye in London either in the Parrish Church of St. Martin's in the Fields in the Chancell or in the Parish Church of Stoake as neare to my Father and Mother as posibly may be . . ." Unto all my Brothers and Sisters as well Brothers in law and Sisters in law rings of 20s., and the same to my Aunt Vincent my Aunt Bluckley [*sic* for Bulkeley] and her husband, my Aunt Bunbury, aunt Smith, deare Cousin

Elizabeth Milward, deare cousin Mary Bunbury daughter of my Uncle Thomas Bunbury deceased, friend Dorathy Leigh, Cousin Richard Bayley, Right Hon. the Lord Mazarine [Massareene], Right Hon. the Lord Delamore and his lady and three daughters, the Lady Lucy, Sir Edward Littleton, Sir Thomas Crofts, Mr. Nathaniell Booth, Mr. William Ayres of Southwarke, co. Surrey, cousin Phillip Chittwood, Cousin Pears Leigh, Cousin Thomas Berkined my fellow tabler, Dr. Boucher, Cousin Martha Madder, Cousin Werden, Cousin Francis Kendrecke, cousin John Bunbury in Ireland, with my cousins Joseph and Benjamine Bunbury, all to have rings "with the poesie or Inscription within every of the said rings, *Remember Death To &c.* (*as you are constant*, *E.B.*), or somewhatt to same purpose. To brother Thomas Bunbury, diamond ring, gold tooth-pick-case, &c. To brother Joseph Bunbury £50 and a garnet stone ring that was my mother's with the silver porringer that was my father's. To brother Richard Bunbury £50, my watch and silver porringer. To Sister Cowley [Colley] silver tumbler, three sweet meate spoons, gold chain, peach coloured sattin gowne and all the part due to me by my father's will. To Sister Morgaine pearle necklace, corrall bracelett and the sweet bagg wrought by my cousin Susannah Meoles. To Sister [in-law] Sarah Bunbury "full blew pomegander bracelett. . . . [torn], my mother's haire and wedding ring in it." "To Sister Mary Bunbury bracelet and my case of tweezers. . . ." Legacies to Aunts Vincent, Smith, Elinor Bunbury, Cousins Dulsebala, Coke, Diana, and Mary Bunbury, my Aunt Bulkler, eldest daughter of my brother Thomas Bunbury, Cousin Elizabeth Milward, Cousin Mary Bunbury, daughter to my Uncle Thomas Bunbury £50 and a tenement in Staney. To Mrs. Dorathy Leigh "my twilight sweat [toilet sweet] bags and box to it, &c." Cousin Richard Drapper, Cousin Alice May daughter to my Aunt Smith, Cousin Mary Houghton my father's cousin-german, Cousin Penelope Beverly, Nieces Ursula and Martha Bunbury, nieces Elinor Bunbury and Mary Bunbury daughter of my brother William "all my sampler works with the gum flowers." "To my little nephew Charles my part of the tith of Corne of the said Parrish of Stoake with remainder to his brother William my godson." Niece Elizabeth Davies, God-daughter Elizabeth Morgan [a child], Niece Sus. Cowley [a child], Cousin Anthony Beverley and his wife. "To Cousin Martha Madder my Silver Baker and to her s[ister?] my cousin Ann Basnett . . ." Godson Matthew Ellis. Friends Mr. Roger Mason, Mr. Richard Houlse and his wife and the Minister of Stoake, Ann Ashton, The poor of Stoake. Cousin Elizabeth Beverley and her sister Ellinor Beverley. Sister Morgan. Brothers and sisters now living, Thomas, William, Henry, Joseph, and Richard, and my sister

[Susan] Cowley [Colley, then under 17] and my sister [Ursula] Morgan. To my maide . . . my blacke watered mohaire Gowne that lyes at the topp of my haire trunke. My brothers Joseph and Richard Bunbury, executors; Dr. Boucher and Mr. Letherland, overseers. Witneſses: N. Booth, ..., John Beverly, and Val . . . . . m.

The Inventory was taken 23 August 1669, by William Bunbury of Stanney, gent., Thomas Birkened of Backford, gent., and includes Goods in the house of Robert Buckley, Esq., within the City of Chester, £71, 10. 4. Goods, &c., remaining in the parish of St. Martin's [in the Fields, London], taken 2 Sept. 1669, by John Beverly and Thomas Griffith, £266, 15. 0. Debts due to the testatrix, £903.

[11]

The east window, of three lights, has in the centre of each light a shield—(1) Gules, three mitres Or [*See of Chester*]; (2) *Bunbury*, with the Badge of Ulster; (3) Gules, two keys in saltire Argent, in chief the Royal Crown Or [*See of York*].—No inscription.

[12] THE SOUTH TRANSEPT

On the east wall, a white marble tablet; at the top are carved two lamps, with gilt flames, at the foot a coat (*Bunbury*) with the Ulster badge on a sinister canton, impaling two lions passant guardant in pale, untinctured [*Hanmer*].

Here lye ye̊ Remains | Of Sr. Henry Bunbury Bart^{t} | Who dy'd ye̊ 12th of Feb^{ry} 1732. & | Was buried ye̊ 16th following | Near Him lies also S^{r} Charles | Bunbury his Son who dy'd | April ye̊ 10 1742 & Between y^{e} | Two is interred Susanna Lady | Bunbury Daughter of W^{m} | Hanmer Esq^{r} of Bettisfield in | Co^{n} Flint, Mother to S^{r} | Charles & Wife to S^{r} Henry | to whose Memory she erected | this Monument. She died | Sep^{t} y^{e} 23. 1744.

[13]

A hatchment, having the ground all Sable, with arms on a lozenge, viz. *Bunbury*, with the badge

of Ulster on a sinister canton, impaling Argent, two lions passant in pale Sable [Azure, *Hanmer*]. Motto: Memoria pii æterna.

This is the hatchment set up for Dame Susanna Bunbury in 1744.

[14]

A painted panel, in a frame decorated with skulls and cross-bones and having cherubim at the corners. Arms: in a lozenge, on ornamental framework—1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey,* with a mullet Or for difference; 4th, *Bamville,* but without the crescent.

Here lyeth y^e^ Body of Lidia Bunbury daughter | to Thomas Bunbury of Stanney jn y^e^ County Pa: | latyne of Chester Esq^r^: by Sara daugh^r^ to Iohn | Chetwood of ockley Esq^r^: his first wife; she died | y^e^ vi: day of Iune jn the yeare m.dc.lxx.v. | and jn the · xi: yeare of her age. | Firmum jn vitâ Nihil: |

[15]

On the south wall to the east of the window:—

A lozenge-shaped painted panel, the frame decorated with bezants. On a shield within scrolled framework the arms, Quarterly of six, viz.: 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey;* 4th, *Stalker;* 5th, *Bamville,* with a crescent; 6th, *Sylvester;* impaling Argent, three torteaux and a chief Gules [*Baley*]. Crests at the sides of the shield: (1) *Bunbury;* (2) Out of a crest coronet Or a horse's head Argent [*Baley*].

Vrselaw daughter to Iohn Baley of | Hodsen in y^e^ county of Hertford Esq^r^ | late wife of Henry Bunbury of Stañey | Esq^r^ dyed y^e^ 22^th^ day of March 1652. |

[16]

On the same wall to the east of the window is a painted panel in a frame decorated with bezants and cross-bones, the arms on a lozenge within

Here lyeth y^e Body of Thomas Bunbury gent: son
erh: son to S^r: Henry Bunbury of Stanley &c: he first
married Margaret sole daūg^r: of Willm Wilcocks
of y^e oakes in y^e county of Salop gent: & had issue
Martha Henry Mary Elizab: & Anne she died
1637 aged 5^y. He afterwards married Elinor S^r: dāu
to Henry Berkenhead of Backford esq^r: & had by
her eleven children where of 6 died in their
minority: Tho: Dulcibella Joseph Benjamine
& Diana only survived him he died y^e xx: of
Sept^r Ano: 1668, aged 63 yeares & she died y^e
xx: of December Ano: 1675: aged 70 yeares

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ornamental framework, Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet for difference; 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville*, with a crescent; 7th, *Sylvester.*

Below is the inscription—

Here lyeth y^{e} Body of Eleanor 3^{d} daũgh: | of Thõ: Bunbury of Stanney jn y^{e} coun= | ty of Chester eſq^{r}: by Sarai his jst wife | daũg: of Iohn Chetwood of Ockley jn y^{e} | county of Stafford eſq^{r}: She died y^{e} 23th | of Aũg: 1678: aged 26: yeares old. |

[17]

On the same wall to the east of the window is a painted panel, the frame decorated with rosettes and cross-bones and having cherubim at the corners.

In the upper part at the sides are two shields, and between them the crest of *Bunbury* upon an esquire's helm, with a much-scrolled mantlet Gules doubled Argent, resting on a larger shield.

The first of the two shields, to the dexter, is *Bunbury*, with a martlet Sable, in sinister chief, for difference; impaling Argent, a lion rampant between three crescents Sable, a chief Vair [*Wilcocks*].

The second of the two shields, to the sinister, is *Bunbury*, differenced as above; impaling Sable three garbs Or, within a bordure Argent [*Birkenhead*].

The larger shield, in the centre, is—Quarterly: 1st, *Bunbury*, differenced as above; 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, differenced with a mullet; 4th, *Bamville*, with a crescent.

Here lyeth y^{e} body of Thomas Bunbury geñt: four= | th: son to S^{r} Henry Bunbury of Stanney K^{t}: he first: | married Margaret sole daũg: of Wiłłm Wilcocks | of y^{e} Oakes in y^{e} County of Salop geñt: & had iſsue | Martha. Henry. Mary. Elizãb: & Anne. She died | 1632 aged 37. He afterwards married Elinor 5th dau: |

to Henry Berkenhead of Backford eſq^{r}: & had by | her elleven children wher:eof 6 died in their. | minority: Tho: Dulcibella. Ioſeph. Beniamine | & Diana. only survived him. he died y^{e} ix of | Sept: Año: 1668, aged 63 yeares. & she died y^{e} | xx · of December Año: 1675 · aged 70 yeares. |

[18]

On the same wall, above the window, is a painted panel, the frame decorated with skulls and cross-bones. Two esquires' helms each with a mantlet Gules doubled Argent; the first bearing the crest of *Bunbury* and the second that of *Skeffington*, viz.: A mermaid with tail knotted to sinister, proper, crined and the tail tipped Or, holding in her dexter hand a mirror and in her sinister hand a comb, also proper. Arms: Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, *Bunbury*, with a mullet Gules for difference; 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, undifferenced; 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville*, with a crescent; 7th, *Sylvester.* Impaling, Quarterly of nine: 1st, Argent, three bulls' heads erased Sable [*Skeffington*]; 2nd, Azure, a bend [cotised] between between six mullets Or [*Oldbeiffe*]; 3rd, Ermine, on a chief indented Gules three escallops Argent [Or, *Childe*]; 4th, Quarterly Ermine and Gules, a crescent in the fesse-point for difference [*Stanhope*]; 5th, Vert, three lions passant [greyhounds courant] in pale Or [*Malovell*]; 6th, Sable, a bend between six cross-croslets Argent [*Longvilliers*]; 7th, Argent, three saltires couped Sable, a crescent in the fesse-point of the second for difference [ ]; 8th, Argent, a cross patonce Azure [ ]; 9th, Quarterly, Or and Gules, a bordure Sable bezantée [*Rochford*]. Two esquires' helms, and mantlet Argent and Gules.

Here lyeth ye Body of William Bunbury third sonne of | Henry Bunbury of Bunbury & Stanney jn y^{e} coun | ty Palatyne of Chester Eſq^{r} he married Mary the | second daughter of S^{r}

Richard Skeffington of | Fisherwick jn the County of Stafford K^{t} & had iſsue | five sonnes & two daughters. Iohn · Skeffington · Fran | cis & Vrsula · died jn their minority. Charles · William · | and Mary · Luciy: Surviv'd .. . . He died y^{e} 23: | of Octob 1676 · being his birth day Aged 47 yeares. She died the | 22 of April 1711 Aged 82.

By his will dated 10 October 1676 and proved at Chester 14 Feb. 1676–7, William Bunbury of Stanney, gent. desires "if he dies in these partes to be buried in the Chancell of Stoake betwixt the Communion Table and the north side betwixt my Sonn Francis and my other Children." His "most loveing wife Mrs. Mary Bunbury to have for life the meſsuage & tenement called Bloſsoms in the fforegate Street in Chester now in the holding of Mr. Mottershead . . . together with a tenement for some time in the holding of widdow Dod and also the chandler's shop in the holding of Michael Bromley [also lands in] Pooleton cum Seacombe as well as the lands I bought of cozen Hough^{s} as that I purchased of Mr. Dun . . . also a rent charge of £6 out of lands of John Harrison of Graisbie. Remainder to eldest son Charles Bunbury and his heirs male, remainder to William Bunbury youngest son of mee . . . and his heirs male, remainder to the daughter of me . . . for ever by name Mary Bunbury." The testator left to his wife "the tenement in Little Stanney in which we now live (also) the meadow & field in Great Stanney (also) the part of the tyth belonging to mee of the Rectory of Stoake, being one sixth part, remainder to my son William." To daughter Mary £500 "to be paid out of the estate I had mortgaged to me by Ald^{m} Bennett."——"Item . . . to son Charles all my interest in Knocktorum being one half of the Townshipp . . . that I purchased of M^{r} Croſse his brothers & sisters & is now in the holding of Leister and his father. To son William £500, £200 owed by M^{r} William Venables and £300 out of M^{r} Rathborn's Lands that engaged to me and a bond from one Lowe of Upton. Wife and son Charles executors and guardians to son William. "To daughter Mary more £100 owed by S^{r} Jeffrey Shackerley." "My loveing brother Henry." Out of moneys due by Richard Lightfoote of Stoake £5 to the poor of Stoake and £3 to the poor of Wallazey. To my own brothers & sisters 20s. each for rings. To my Aunt Buckley, my Cozen Werden and my Cozen Meoles 10s. each. To my sister [in law] Diana Bunbury, Cozen Dulsabella and their brother my cozen Henry 20s. each." Money owed me by M^{r} Niccols of Liverpool and Bennett of Saughall Maſsey.

With the will is a document recording that Mr. Henry Bunbury of Holcroft, co. Lanc., gent, aged 53, brother of the testator,

says that, "upon a meſsenger that came unto him this deponent into Lancashire to acquaint him of his said brother's weakneſs . . . this deponent went ou^r to him about tenn days before he dyed," and he identifies the above will. Mr. Adams, aged 27, who, "being minister of that place went to visit him as often times he did and to pray by him," also identifies the will.

Mary Bunbury of Stanney, widow of William Bunbury of Stanney, gent., by her will dated 15 March 1708[–9] and proved at Chester 1 May 1711, being "full of weakneſs and distempers," gives "to my sonn William Bunbury one of my gould rings. . . . I give my onhappy Daughter An [?] Pyne [?] one of my rings" . . . To Elizabeth Williamson and granddaughter Jane Berrington 20s. each. The rest to my son Charles and make him executor, "desiring him to pay the bond he stands bound with mee to Mr. Mather of Chester."

[19]

On the same wall to the west of the window is a painted panel, the frame decorated with bezants. A shield, with a chess-rook Or above it and the *Bunbury* crest at each side, bearing the arms: Quarterly of six, viz.: 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet for difference; 4th, *Stalker;* 5th, *Bamville*, with a crescent; 6th, *Sylvester.*

Below is the inscription—

Neere this place lyeth the Body of M^rs | Abiggil Bunbury 5 daughter of= | Thomas Bunbury of Stan= | ney Esq^r: She dyed y^e 16^th | day of February Año | Dñi: 1672 aged | 12 yeares. |

[20]

Below the last is a painted panel, the frame decorated with rosettes and cross-bones, and having cherubim at the corners. Arms: on a lozenge *Bunbury*, with a crescent Sable for difference. On the dexter side of the lozenge is a small shield, Sable, three garbs Or within a bordure Argent [*Birkenhead*]. On the sinister side of the lozenge is a like shield quarterly, 1st and 4th Argent, 2nd and 3rd Gules a fret Or; over all a fesse Azure [*Norres*].

Here lyeth the Body
of Dulcibella Bunbu-
ry eldest doughter to
thomas Bunbury of Stac
ney Esqr; by Eleanor his second wife, who was
fift doughter to Henry Berkenhed of Backton
Esqr; she dyed the 5. of July Anno: M·DC·LXXXI
Aged XLVIII yeares

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Below is the inscription—

Firmum in Vita nihil

Here lyeth the Body of Dulcibella Bunbu= | =ry Eldest daughter to Thomas Bunbury of Sta= | ñey Gent: by Eleanor his second wife: who was | Fift daughter to Henry Berkenhed of Backford | Eſqr: She dyed the · 5 · of Iuly · Año: m.dc.lxxxvi· | * *Aged · xlviii yeares. *Virt*s *ej*s *vivet:* |

The Will of Dulcibella Bunbury, dated 13th June 1686, was proved at Chester by her sister Diana, widow of Richard Bunbury, on the 28th August following. She desires to be buried "at Stoake in the chancell as nigh to my father as possible I cann & I doe hereby humbly request Sr Henry Bunbury that he will be pleased to let me lye there & not doubting but he will grant my desire herein I leave unto my cozen [first cousin twice removed] Henry Bunbury his sonn and heire one eleven shillings peece of old gold." She leaves her signet-ring to her brother Benjamin, and names a large number of relations and friends.

[21]

To the west of the last is a painted panel, the frame decorated with rosettes and cross-bones, and having cherubim at the corners in gilt. A lozenge in a cut and scrolled frame, and red cherubim at the upper corners. Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet Or for difference; 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville*, with a crescent; 7th, *Sylvester.*

Below is the inscription—

Here lyeth jntered the Body of Martha | Bunbury daughter of Thomas Bunbury | of Staney jn the county of Chester Eſqr | by Sarai his first wife daughter of Io: | Chetwood of Ockley in ye County of Staf | ford Esqr She dyed ye 10th day of Iuly Ao | 1676 & in ye 25 . yeare of her age: ∽∽ |

[22]

On the west wall a hatchment, the dexter side Sable, the sinister side grey [white]. Crest: *Bunbury*, upon a knight's helm, mantled Gules doubled Argent.

* A word has been erased in each of these places.

Arms: *Bunbury*, with the Ulster badge; impaling Argent two lions passant-guardant in pale Sable [Azure, *Hanmer*]. Motto: Firmum in vita nihil.

This is the hatchment set up for Sir Henry Bunbury, Baronet, in 1733.

[23]

Below the hatchment is a painted panel in a plain black frame. Arms: in a lozenge, quarterly of six, viz.: 1st and 6th, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet for difference; 4th, *Stalker;* 5th, *Bamville*, with a crescent.

Above and divided by the apex of the lozenge is the inscription—

Anne daughter to Henry Bunbury esq.
soñe & heare of S^r^ Henry Bunbury K^t^

and below the lozenge is the continuation—

dyed the 23^th^ of September j627.

[24]

To the east of the last is a white marble tablet mounted on grey marble—

NEARE THIS PLACE LYETH ꝑE BODY | OF S^R^ THOMAS BVNBVRY BARONETT WH̄ | FIRST MARRIED SARAH DAVGHTER | OF IOHN CHETWOOD OF OAKELEY IN | THE COVNTY OF STAFFORD ESQ̄ BY | WHOM HE HAD YSSVE SOÑS & DAVGHTER WHERE OF S^R^ HENRY HIS HEIRE | & MARY SVRVIVED HIM ☞ | AFTERWARDS HE MARRIED MARY ꝑE | DAVGHTER OF HUMPHREY KELSALL | OF HEATHSYDE IN ꝑE COVNTY OF | CHESTER G̃EN BY WHOM HE HAD ISSVE | 2 DAVGHTERS PRISCILLA & LVCY BOTH | LIVEING HE DYED 22 OF AVG 16 82 |

The will of Sir Thomas Bunbury of Stanney, co. Chester, Baronet, dated 19th August 1682, was proved at Chester 18th October 1682 by his widow. The testator was a very religious man, as the commencement of the will testifies. He desires "to be interred in the side Chauncell of Stoake Church wherein my wife and daughter usually sate, my head to be layd as neere as

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poſsibly may be to the wall on the west side of the same and in such decent manner as my executrix hereafter named shall thinke meet and conveniant." He mentions his daughter, wife of Richard Greene, Esq^{r} (deceased), and his brother Henry Green, gent. (deceased). To daughter Mary Bunbury, spinster, £1000. To daughters Priscilla and Lucy Bunbury £600, to be paid when they are 17. Brothers Henry and Joseph Bunbury, gents. "To Sisters Mrs Susanna Cowley & Mrs Ursula Morgan 20s a peice to buy them a silver Inkepott or mourning Gold Ring w^{ch} they please also to each of them these three Bookes hereafter menc̃oned (to witt) Mr. [Richard] Baxter's Call to the unconu̇ted [London, 1669; 8vo] His directions to the Conu̇ted [for their establishment, growth, and perseverance. 1669; 8vo] and the vaine Religion of the formall Hypocrite [1659; 12mo] w^{ch} I would have bought and given to them." "To my son and heir apparent, Henry, my signet Gold Ring, my large silver seale and £100." To sister Mrs. Abigaill Legh, widow [of Piers Legh of Bruch, co. Lanc., and daughter of John Chetwode] "a two and twenty shillings piece of gold." To cousin Thomas Birkhened, the elder, of Chester, gent., £5. To Mr. Shone of Chester, barber, 20s. To Cousin Mary Houghton, widow, £3. To Mr. William Cooke, lately inhabiting at my Aunt Bulkeley's house, and to Mr. Berry, formerly Minister of Bolas, and to Robert Southerne, of Backford, weaver, £3 apiece. To Mr. Woods, Mr. Campian, Mr. Cowop, and Mr. Samuel Bruen, 40s. each. To Mrs. Faith Slater, widow, £4. To Mr. Raph Hall, lately dweller in Crooks Lane, Chester, £3. To Mr. Leigh, heretofore preacher at Stoake, & to Mr. Cottrell, now preacher there, 40s. apiece. To my servants . . . "And considering that wee are all but stewards of what we have and the Lord Com̃anc̃ vs to hono^{r} him with our substance and it may happily be an inducement to many to whom hee gives ability to doe some things ꝑportionably of the like nature I humbly begge Gods gratious acceptance in Christ of my endeavo^{rs} herein in these particulars following—I give and bequeath to the Parish of Stoake aforesaid the sum̃e of three hundred thirty foure pounds to remaine as a stocke and the improvem^{t} and Interest thereof yearely ariseing to be yearely distributed vpon Easter monday to the Poore of the said Parish and to noe other end or purpose whatsoever and my will is that the same distribution be made according to the discretion and at the oversight and care of the Minister and Churchwardens for the tyme being in the said Parish succeſsively And my will and desire is that my said sonne Henry Bunbury my nephew Charles Bunbury, gent., and the said Thomas Birkhened and their Heires for ever should take care and have the oversight thereof that the said stocke may not be diminished but be ꝑserved and kept intire and likewise that the same be set

forth and improved according to my mind and will before expreſsed and also that the ꝑfit ariseing from the same be imployed and distributed as before menc̃oned *Itm* I give and bequeath to the Parish of Stoake aforesaid the sum̃e of Two hundred pounds to remaine as a stocke and to be put forth by the Trustees aforesaid and their Heires for ever And the ꝑfit and Interest thereof yearely ariseing to be yearely paid to a Schoolmastr (elected by the said Trustees or any two of them) at two seu̇all tymes in the yeare by equall paym^ts to the end that hee should teach in the Schoolhouse lately erected at Stanney aforesaid any Children within the said Parish freely *Itm* I give & bequeath to the seu̇all Parishes of S^t Werburg in Chester aforesaid, Bunbury, and Plemstow in the said County of Chester, the seu̇all sum̃es of sixty and eight pounds a peice to remain as a seu̇all stocke in each of the said Parishes And the vse and Interest yearly ariseing from the same to be yearly distributed vpon Easter Monday to the poore of the said seu̇all parishes according to the discretion and at the oversight and care of the Minister and Churchwardens for the tyme being in the said seu̇all and respective parishes And my will and desire is that the Trustees before in these p^rsents mentioned and their Heires for ever should take care & have the oversight thereof that none of the said stocks be diminished but be p^rserved & kept intire and likewise that the same be set forth and improved according to my mind & will herein before expreſsed And that the ꝑfit ariseing from the same be imployed & distributed as before is menc̃oned *Itm* my mind & will is that thirty pounds be layd out in buying these Bookes following (vizt) M^r Baxt^rs Call to the unconu̇ted His directions to the conu̇ted and The vaine Religion of the formall Hypocrite The danger of being but halfe [almost] a Christian by M^r [John] Chisholl, [or Chishull; London, 1657; 12mo] a Treatise of sacramental covenanting w^th Christ by M^r J. Rawlett [1682; 8vo]. These to be given some to each family in Stoake Parish aforesaid & to others as to my Executrix hereinafter nãd shall thinke fitt." Wife sole executrix. The will is signed *Tho. Bunbury*, the execution being witnessed by Joseph Bunbury, Tho: Birkhened, Jun^r, Daniell Large and Samuell ffilkin. The seal bears the arms of Bunbury, Stanney, Aldersey, and Bamville quarterly; the Aldersey crest being differenced by a mullet in chief and the Bamville coat by the usual crescent in the fesse-point.

[25] THE NAVE

On the south wall is a white marble tablet, the inscription in small caps, all of the same size. At

the top is a coat of arms and crest. Crest: A lamb's head erased. Arms: Checky, a chevron between three cross-croslets—

Samuel Small, the infant son of | Thomas and Maria Sudworth, | of Blacon Point, | died the 15th October 1803; | Aged 7 months. | Maria Sudworth, died 14th April 1804, | In the 23rd year of her age, | Elizabeth Dorothea, | the infant daughter of | the above Thomas Sudworth, | and Elizabeth Dorothea, | his second wife, | died March 1st 1809; | aged 8 months | Also the above | Thomas Sudworth, | died at Liskeard Mount | New Brighton, August 3rd 1841; | Aged 68 years | Also the above | Elizabeth Dorothea Sudworth, | died November 23rd 1865, | aged 84 years. |

The ancient arms of the family of Southworth of Samlesbury, co. Lanc., were: Sable, a chevron between three cross-croslets Argent [sometimes the tinctures were reversed]. Crest: A bull's head erased Sable, armed Or. (See *Visitations of Lancashire*, 1533 and 1567, published by the *Chetham Society*.)

The west window, of two lights, has the Royal Arms of Queen Victoria, within the Garter, in the upper portion. The rest of the window is of plain glass.

[26] THE CHURCHYARD

In the south wall of church, to the east of the porch, incised in the stone, in lombardic letters, and partly cut away, is the inscription—

MAGISTER ANDRE
CUI9 AIE:PRIET:DS

and near to it the initials—

R ◇ W [*circa* 1700].

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A monument bearing the following inscription is referred to in Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, but

we have not succeeded in finding it. It is stated to have borne a shield of arms of a plain cross—

Hic jacet corpus | Henrici Trafford, | clerici, qui obiit | vicesimo quarto die | Augusti, anno œtatis | sucæ quinquagesimo | quarto, annoque recuperatœ | salutis | MDCLIV° | servavi fidem | resurgam. |

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Over the built-up north door, outside—

WILLIAM HEAWARD
WILLIAM ROE
CHVRCH WARDENS
1691

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On the exterior wall of the chancel.

An ornamental monument at the east end of the church, with this inscription upon an urn—

To the Memory of | Thomas Hill of *Stanney*, | who died *Sep^r* 10th 1809, | Aged 53. | (*below*) Alſo to the Memory of Ann Hill | wife of the above Thomas Hill, | who departed this Life on the | 7th of June 1829. Aged 68. |

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The sun-dial, in the south-west corner of the churchyard, is on a very old weathered shaft and pediment, but has no inscription.

[30*] Inscriptions on the Stoak Bells

(1) God save his Church our King and Realme, 1631.

(2) Gloria in Excelsus [*sic*], 1615, H. B.[1]

(3) God save His Church, W. F. T. L.,[2] 1642.

On No. 1. is the founder's mark, on a shield, an arrow, point downwards, between the letters W. and C. for William Clibbery of Holt.

[1] Sir Henry Bunbury of Stanney, knight.
[2] William Fisher and Thomas Lowe, churchwardens.

The Church of St. Oswald, at Backford, in the Hundred of Wirral, in the County of Chester.

[31] THE NAVE

In the north aisle, in the west wall, is a window of one light, with the following inscription—

To the glory of GOD and in grateful memory of mercies received the | offering of Jessie Cleland Johnston late of Chorlton Hall Sep^t^ 1895.[1]

In the north wall the westernmost window of two lights is all of plain glass.

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On the same wall is a white marble tablet, the inscription in capital letters throughout. Above are these arms untinctured—Arms: On a bend Sable three garbs [*Wicksted*], impaling in chief a saltire Gules [*Gerrard*], and in base three chaplets [*Richardson*]. Crest: A garb entwined by a serpent.

In memory | of Richard Wicksted Esq. | of Chorlton Hall in this parish | who died xxv May mdcccxxxv | aged xciii | also of Margaret the second wife | of the above named R. Wicksted | who died xi January mdcccxxiv | aged lxxx | also Martha relict of James Swan Esq. of | Olive Mount Lancashire, Daughter | of Richard and Ann Wicksted died vi August | mdcccxlviii aged lxxxiii. |

Mr. Wicksted purchased the Chorlton estate from George Ormerod, the historian of Cheshire, in addition to land which he already held in the township. He was the son of Thomas Wicksted of Nantwich, attorney-at-law, by his wife Grissel,

[1] See No. 33.

daughter of Charles Fletcher of Whitchurch, co. Salop. He married, first, Anna, daughter of Samuel Gerrard of Moreton Say, co. Salop, and secondly, Margaret, daughter of Joseph Richardson of Beeston. By his first wife he had three daughters, of whom Martha was married to James Swan of Olive Mount, Wavertree, Liverpool, and had issue—James Wicksted Swan, B.A., Trin. Coll., Cambridge, of Chorlton Hall, who died without issue 3rd May 1867, having devised his estates to his sister's son, the Rev. Mr. Perkins of Bradford, co. York, who disposed of them in 1876, the principal purchaser being Carruthers Charles Johnston. (See Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, vol. ii. page 376, and Hall's *History of Nantwich*, page 496.)

Hall, in the *History of Nantwich*, page 496, gives the arms as: Argent, on a bend Azure, between three crows Sable, beaked and legged Gules, as many garbs Or. Crest: On a wreath two serpents proper issuing from and twining round a garb Or.

Next to this monument, going east, is a window of two lights of plain glass.

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To the east of the last window is another one of two lights, with the following inscription—

To · the · glory · of · God · and · in · loving · memory · of · | Carruthers · Charles · Johnston · late · of · Chorlton · Hall · | in · this Parish · who · died · March · 4th · 1901 · Erected · by · | his · daughter Hilda · Duckworth · Christmas · 1901 · |

Carruthers Charles Johnston, J.P., co. Chester, was the son of Samuel Johnston of Liverpool, by Eliza, his wife, daughter of William Pennell, H.M. Consul at Bahia. He married Jessie Cleland, daughter of James Logan of Liverpool (No. 31), and by her had issue two sons and three daughters:—(1) Samuel Logan Johnston, of Liverpool, married Margaret Lyndesay, daughter of James Rigg Brougham of Carshalton, co. Surrey, and has issue; (2) Carruthers Charles Johnston, died 17th December 1885 (M.I. at Lower Bebington), having married Margaret, eldest daughter of Harmood Walcot Banner of Pool Bank, New Ferry, by whom he left issue; (3) Eliza Jessie, married to . . . Houstoun of Clerkington, co. Haddington; (4) Mabel Marian, married to John Fenton Newall of Manchester; and (5) Hilda Emma Frances, married to Walter Duckworth of West Kirby, co. Chester (who died September 1904), son of Nicholas Duckworth of Mossley Hill, near Liverpool.

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To the east of the last-mentioned window is a tablet of white marble. Above the inscription are the Arms, untinctured:—[Argent,] on a fesse [Azure], three lozenges [Or] [*Feilden*], and on an escutcheon of pretence Argent, guttée [de sang] a bend [Gules], [*Loxham*]—

Sacred to the Memory of Elizabeth | Wife of John Feilden Esq^re^ | of Mollington Hall in this County | who departed this Life January 12^th^ 1823 | Aged 52 years | sincerely lamented by her Family and friends. | To a superior mind she united a sound judgement | and the pure Christian principles which supported | her during a long and painfull illneſs, shed their | lustre over the close of her life. | Also John Joseph, Son of the above named | John and Elizabeth Feilden, who died December 8^th^ 1798 | Aged 10 months. | Also of John Feilden, Esq^re^ of Mollington Hall, | who died full of faith as of years | March 13^th^ 1859. | his eye not dim, nor his natural force abated | in the 90^th^ year of his age. |

John Feilden (born 26th July 1769), of Mollington Hall, J.P., D.L., High Sheriff of Cheshire 1803, married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of the Rev. William Loxham, M.A., of Longton, co. Lanc., Rector of Bethnal Green, Middlesex, 20th May 1795.

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Below is another marble tablet, the inscription in old English letters, the capitals rubricated—

In Sweet Memory of | Major Cecil William Montagve Feilden, D.S.O., | Royal Scots Greys, | of Witton Park, Lancashire, and | Mollington Hall, in this Parish. | Born March 13^th^ 1863, Died Febrvary 19^th^ 1902. | Mortally wovnded at Klippan, South Africa. | "Wovld God I had died for thee, my son, my son!" | 'Neath Afric's Sod, | Earth! receive ovr Treasvre, | Gvard him, My God! | Awaiting Thy good Pleasvre. |

Major C. W. M. Feilden was the son of Lieut.-General Randle Joseph Feilden, C.M.G., of Witton Park, who died 19th May 1895, by Jane Campbell, his wife, daughter of James Hozier, of Mauldslie Castle, co. Lanark. (Burke's *Landed Gentry*.)

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To the east of the two monuments last mentioned is a window of two lights, inscribed—

In · loving · memory · of · her · parents · Richard · and | Eleanor · Massey · of · Moston · Hall · and · of · her · | sister · Maria · and · brothers · John · and · James · the | gift · of · Eleanor · Massey · of · the · Dale · April · 1896 · |

Moston Hall was purchased in 1789 by William Massey of Chester, attorney-at-law; the greater part of the estate, including the hall, was sold some years ago to Mr. James Swettenham. The Dale was built by Miss Massey.

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At the chancel steps is a wooden lectern with the following inscription, on a brass fillet, round the ball below the eagle, in old English characters—

In memory of Lorenzo E. Desmond who died in Christ Dec^r 10^th^ 1875. In token of a love which cannot die.

Lorenzo Edward Desmond, M.A., M.D., was born 1819, and practised at Edge Hill, Liverpool. He married Mrs. Jemima Alice Churchill Fairclough, widow of Mr. Edward Fairclough of Liverpool, and mother of the Rev. Richard John Fairclough, M.A., who was vicar of Backford from 1877 until his death, at Edge Hill, on the 8th December 1903. Vicar Fairclough deserved well of Backford, for, in the face of many difficulties, he succeeded in raising funds to restore the very dilapidated church in remarkably good taste, and took care to preserve the ancient monuments from injury. He was Diocesan Inspector of Schools and Organising Secretary of the S.P.C.K.

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In the nave there is a glass case containing an old chained Bible in Black letter, printed by R. Barker, London, 1617, which has been in this church more than 250 years, according to the label attached thereto.

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In the south aisle, in the east wall, is a window of one light, with the following inscription—

To · the · Glory · of · God · and · in · loving · memory | of · May Taylor. Born · May · 11^th^ · 1859. Died · Aug^t^ · 31^st^ · 1891. |

The lady here commemorated was a daughter of the late Restel Ratsey Bevis, of Manor Hill, Birkenhead, and the wife of William Adolphus Taylor, formerly of The Willows, Mollington, and now of Oxton, Birkenhead. (See No. 54.)

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In the south wall, the easternmost window of two lights is inscribed—

Erected · by · Elizabeth · Ellen · Blomfield | · of · Mollington · Hall · (in this Parish) · in · | loving · memory · of · her · affectionate · sister · | Margaretta · Dorothea · Feilden · who · died · Ap^{l} · 20 · 1892 · |

Elizabeth Ellen Blomfield was the third wife of the Rev. Canon Blomfield (see No. 55). Margaretta Dorothea Feilden was the third daughter and co-heiress of John Feilden of Mollington Hall (No. 34), by his wife, Elizabeth Loxham.

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Next to the last-mentioned window, going west, is a white marble tablet, with the following inscription in capital letters throughout—

Within the chancel | are interred | the remains of | Birkenhead Glegg Esq^{r} | of Backford Hall, | Lieut. Genl. | in Her M. service : | he died the 9th of Dec^{r} 1842 | aged 78 : | deeply regretted | by his family | and friends. | W. Spence · fecit · Lpool. |

General Glegg was the son of John Glegg of Irby, co. Chester, by Betty, his wife, daughter of John Baskervyle Glegg of Withington and Gayton. Born 1765.

To the west of the last-mentioned monument is a window of plain glass.

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Next to the last-mentioned window, to the west, is a white marble tablet inscribed in capital letters—

In memory of | Edward Holt Glegg, Esq. | of Backford Hall | and Irby Hall, Cheshire, | Lieutenant-Colonel | formerly Captain | in the Rifle Brigade, | who departed this life 5th May 1877, | in his 68th year, | His remains are interred | in the Chester Cemetery. |

Colonel Glegg was the third son of General Glegg (No. 41), by his first wife, Emma Holt. Born September 1809. Married Margaret Maxwell, daughter of Maxwell Logan of Fingalton. Heir to his brother Captain Baskervyle Glegg.

Here is the south door.

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To the west of the south door is a white marble tablet inscribed in capital letters throughout—

Within this chancel are interred | the mortal remains of | Sarah | the beloved wife of | Majr Genl Glegg of Backford Hall | she died the 6th of Augt 1823 | Aged 39 years | leaving to her family and friends | the endearing remembrance | of her social and domestic virtues | and the edifying example | of patient endurance and pious resignation | under the painful illness which closed | to them alas! how prematurely | her valuable life. | Franceys & Spence sculptors Liverpool. |

Mrs. Sarah Glegg was the youngest daughter of Henry Barnard, D.D., Rector of Maghera, co. Down, and was married in 1814; she was General Glegg's second wife. His first wife was Emma, daughter and co-heiress of Edward Holt of Ince Hall, co. Lanc., who died September 1809.

To the west of the last-mentioned monument is a window of two lights of plain glass.

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Under the last-mentioned tablet is the stone font bearing the following inscription in capital letters round the base—

Erected · to · the · memory · of · the · Rev. F. Bryans · M.A.[1] who · was · for · 39 · years · vicar · of · this · parish · by · his · three · children ~ Francis-Richard ~~ Harriette · and · Edward · de · Villars ~

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In the west wall of the south aisle is a window of one light with the following inscription—

To · the · Glory · of · God · and · in · affectionate · remembrance | of · Richard · Ross[2] · who · entered · into · rest · Febr · 26th · 1893. |

[1] See No. 47.

[2] Died at his residence, St. Mary's Place, Edgehill, aged 73.

[46] THE TOWER

On the south wall is a brass, inscribed in capital letters throughout—

The clock in this tower | was erected in the year of the jubilee | of Her Majesty Queen Victoria | by Birkenhead Glegg Esquire, | to the memory of his father, the late | Lieut: Col! Edward Holt Glegg of Backford | Hall A.D. 21st June 1887.

The west window, of three lights, in the tower, is of plain glass.

[47] THE CHANCEL

On the west wall, on the north side, is an ornamental white marble tablet, inscribed in capital letters throughout—

The | pulpit and font | in this church | were given | in loving memory of | Francis Bryans, M.A. | 39 years | Vicar of Backford. | His kindly | and genial disposition | endeared him | to his parishioners, | relations, and friends. | He died May 3rd 1877. |

See No. 44. Mr. Bryans was one of the four sons of Richard Bryans, of Boughton, near Chester, by Anne de Villars, his wife. The family of de Villars were Quakers; they came to England with the Huguenots. Their name became corrupted into *Pillar*, but Mrs. Bryans' father reverted to the original French surname. The Rev. Francis Bryans was B.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, and was incorporated at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 14th January 1823; M.A. (Oxon.), 22nd January 1823. He was sometime Incumbent of Farndon, Cheshire, and was instituted Vicar of Backford 9th July 1838. He was married three times: 1st, to Sarah Clough Berry, who died 12th August 1830, aged 27, having had one child, Richard Clough Bryans, who died in infancy, (M.I. at Farndon); 2ndly, Harriette Barker, of Chester, who died 27th May 1861, having had issue, two sons and a daughter, the Rev. Richard Bryans, B.A. (Oxon.), the Rev. Edward de Villars Bryans, M.A. (Camb.), Rector of Newton Kyme, co. York, and Harriette, wife of Patrick Buchanan. The Rev. F. Bryans had no issue by his third wife, Janetta, widow of

Major Duncan Buchanan and daughter of Patrick Robertson, Lord Robertson, a Scottish judge, named by Scott "Peter o' the Painch," from the rotundity of his figure.

The other sons of Mr. Richard Bryans, of Boughton, were: James Bryans of Bellefield, Windermere; Richard Bryans of Birkenhead, J.P.; and the Rev. William Bryans, Vicar of Tarvin, all deceased. He also had a daughter, Fanny Bryans, who is still living, aged 88.

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On the north wall is a painted panel, in a plain black frame, inscribed—

Margareta nux Radulp̃ Morgell gēn | vxor et Edwar̃. Glegge de Geton ar. filia. |

Arms: Argent, on a bend engrailed Gules three cinquefoils Ermine, on a chief Azure three fleurs-de-lys Or [*Morgall*]. Impaling, Quarterly 1st and 4th, Sable two lions counter-passant in pale Argent [*Glegg*]; 2nd, Argent, a fesse between six fleurs-de-lys Gules [*Gayton*]; 3rd, Sable, a chevron Ermine between three leopards' faces Argent [*Blankeney of Chester*].

Obiit xii die. Octobris 1627.

The Morgells were of Moston Hall, formerly in Backford parish, but now in the parish of St. Mary on the Hill. The Funeral Certificates of John Morgell, 1636, and his fourth son Edward Morgell, 1634, will be found in *Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates*, publications of the *Record Society*, vol. vi. John Morgell was Principal Registrar for the Diocese of Chester, and died 27th November 1636. His son and heir Ralph married Margaret, daughter of Edward Glegg of Gayton. (See No. 57.) Elizabeth, sister and heiress of William Morgell, sold the property in 1718.

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Below the last-mentioned panel is another one, the frame ornamented with bezants and cross-bones alternately.

A coat of arms with two esquires' helms and a large-scrolled mantlet Argent and Gules. Arms:

Quarterly of four, 1st and 4th, Argent, on a bend engrailed Gules three cinquefoils Or, on a chief Azure three fleurs-de-lys Gold, a crescent Sable for difference [*Morgall*]; 2nd and 3rd, Argent, on a fesse Gules, between two barrulets wavy Sable, three crescents Or, in chief a cross moline Azure for difference [*Dod*]; impaling, Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Azure, three pheons Argent, a chief of the last [Ermine, *Glasier*]; 2nd and 3rd, chequy, Argent and Gules, on a chief of the first a lion passant of the second. Crests: 1st, out of a crest coronet Or a leopard's [?] head Argent spotted Sable; 2nd, out of a crest coronet Gules a demi-cockatrice with wings raised Or.

Here lyeth ye Body's of Rafe Morgall gẽn: | & Eliz: his wife. who had Isfve Rafe William | & Elizabeth Morgall. he died Nõv: ye 27 1683 | she died May ye 9th 1683:·: They gave five | Pounds to ye Parish of Backford ye vse of | it to be given to ye Poore on good friday jn | money for ever. |

Ralph Morgell, of Moston, co. Chester, gent., made his Will 24th Nov. 1682, and it was proved at Chester 1683. He mentions his wife Elizabeth, his son William and an unborn child. He also mentions his aunt Anne Morgell, his brother Richard Morgell, his sister Mary Morgell, his uncle Peter Hurleston, and his brother [in law] Thomas Glaseour. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of William Glasier, of Lee, co. Chester (Ormerod, *History of Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 386).

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To the east of the two panels, on the north wall, is a grey stone inscribed—

Underneath lieth Interd | ye Body of Robert | Denson, Vicar. Who | Dyed Febr ye: first: 1750. |

The Rev. Robert Denson was of Brasenose College, Oxford, B.A. 1717. Instituted Vicar 9th November 1720. By his holograph Will dated 29th November 1747, and proved at Chester 18th May 1751, by his widow Mary Denson, his daughter Anne Denson, and his nephew the Rev. Thomas Denson, he gave,

among other bequests, to his daughter Anne a small cabinet with all the things in it except a gold ring, which he gave to his daughter Catherine, and a pair of ear-rings to his daughter Mary. Catherine and Mary were minors. He devised to his son Robert his messuage and lands at Childer Thornton with the residue of his estate, after making provision for his daughters. To his nephew Thomas Denson he gave £5, or its value in books out of his study. This Thomas Denson was of St. John's College, Cambridge, A.B. 1746, and was the son of Richard Denson of Wervin. He was bred at Backford under his uncle, and was admitted to St. John's College as a sizar 6th May 1743, being then 20 years of age. He was ordained Deacon 15th March 1746–7, licensed to the curacy of Dodleston, co. Chester, 1748, and ordained priest 18th Dec. 1748 by the Bishop of Chester. William Denson, probably a member of the same family, was instituted Vicar of Backford 23rd May 1591. The Densons appear to have been a family of substantial yeomen, who, according to the inscription on another monument, printed below (No. 51), have resided in this part of Cheshire for more than 450 years. The name is still well known in the neighbourhood (see Nos. 1, 68, and 69).

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Below the last-mentioned monument is a white marble tablet, inscribed in capital letters throughout—

In memory of | George Denson, second son | of Samuel and Martha Denson, | of the Chapel House, Wervin, | which farm the family occupied from | A.D. 1422, to February 1849, | when George Denson removed to | Picton Hall, in this county, | where he died November the sixth | 1875, aged 64, | and was interred near the chancel door. | His father and mother were interred | in a vault inside the church, | the church | and churchyard of Backford | having been the burial place | of the Densons of Wervin, from time | immemorial | W. Haswell. Chester. |

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To the east of the last-mentioned tablet is a marble tablet with a dove-coloured pyramidal slab and white urn above, and a fan ornament below; the tablet is inscribed—

To the memory | of the Rev^{d}. Sam^{l}. Griffith, D.D., Rector of Avington in the County of Berks, | Who died 29th April 1796 | Aged 64. |

Here lyeth interred the Bodies of Lenox sõne & heire
of S: George Beverley late of Huntington Kn: who died
the 5.th day of Aprill 1660. he married Elizabeth daugh: to
Henry Birkhead of Backford esq: by whom he had iſsue 3
sõnes & 4 daugh: she died the 19. day of January 1656

IN BACKFORD CHURCH

No. 53

The Rev. Samuel Griffiths was of St. John's College, Cambridge, Deacon 1757, A.B. 1757, Priest 1758, A.M. 1760, S.T.P. 1773. Son of John Griffith, of Backford, husbandman. Educated by Mr. Denson, he was instituted Vicar of Halesowen, co. Worcester, 1784, which he ceded on his institution in 1788 to the Rectory of Avington.

[53]

To the east of the last-mentioned monument is a painted panel in a plain black frame. Arms: in an ornamental scrolled shield-frame, Sable, on a chevron, between three wolves' heads erased Argent, as many pellets [*Beverley*]; impaling Sable, three garbs Or, within a bordure Argent [*Birkenhead*].

Here lyeth interred the Bodies of Lenox soñe & heire | of S^r^ George Beverley late of Huntington Kn^t^ who died | the 5^th^ day of Aprill 1660. he married Elizabeth daugh: to | Henry Birkhened of Backford esq: by whom he had iſsue 8: | soñes & 4 daugh̄: she died the 19^th^ day of Ianuary 1656: |

Sir George Beverley was knighted at Leixlip in Ireland 8th May 1604. He was of Huntingdon, in Broxton hundred, co. Chester. See the *Cheshire Sheaf*, edited by Earwaker, 1891, p. 151, where Sir George Beverley's will is printed with annotations. The issue of Lenox Beverley were:—1, George; 2, Henry, died young; 3, Birkenhead; 4, Thomas; 5, Anthony; 6, Lenox; and 1, Alice; 2, Frances; 3, Elizabeth; 4, Elinor. (*Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates, Record Society*, vol. vi.) "Henery, son to Mr. Birkhead Beverlay," was baptized 22nd February 1651–2; "Lenox, son to Mr. Birkenhead Beverlay," was baptized 21st February 1657–8; "Elizabeth, daughter to Berkenhead Beverlay," was baptized 11th January 1662–3; "Charles, son to Birkenhead Beverlay," was baptized 25th June 1665; "Margaret, daughter to Berkenhead Beverlay," was baptized 27th October 1667; "Thomas, son to Birkenhead Beverlay," was baptized 23rd January 1669–70 (*Warrington Parish Register*).

To the east of the last-mentioned panel is a window of two lights of plain glass.

[54]

To the east of the last mentioned is a brass with

the figure of a kneeling angel holding a scroll inscribed in old English characters—

To the Glory of God, | and in affectionate remembrance of | May Taylor,[1] | who died at Mollington, August 31st 1891, | this Reredos is dedicated by her Husband | William Adolphus Taylor, | and her two sons Lionel and Trevor. |

The east window of three lights is of crude coloured glass; the inscription, if any, is hidden by the reredos.

[55]

In the south wall are two openings at the sides of the next-mentioned window; the opening to the east was most probably a piscina and that to the west an aumbry, but new stone shelves have been inserted.

In the south wall is a window of three lights, with the following inscription in old English letters—

To the Glory of God & in cherished memory of the | Revd G. B. Blomfield M.A. Canon of Chester · who died | at Mollington Hall on Xmas day 1885 aged 84 years. |

The Rev. George Becher Blomfield, M.A., Christ's College, Cambridge, Canon of Chester, and J.P. for Hertfordshire. Born 1801; youngest son of Charles Blomfield, of Bury St. Edmunds, and brother of the Right Rev. Charles James Blomfield, Bishop of Chester 1824–28, and Bishop of London 1828–56. Canon Blomfield married 1st, in 1827, Frances Harriet, daughter of the Rev. Richard Massie of Coddington, co. Chester; 2ndly, in 1848, Mary, daughter of the Very Rev. Frederick Anson, Dean of Chester; and 3rdly, in 1854, Elizabeth Ellen, second daughter and co-heiress of John Feilden (No. 34) of Mollington Hall.

[56]

To the west of the last-mentioned window is a painted panel in a frame ornamented with bezants and cross-bones alternately. Upon it are two

[1] See No. 39.

shields and two crests at the sides. Arms: (1) Sable, three bars Argent. Crest: A bull's head Argent, charged on the neck with three bars Sable [*Haughton*]. (2) Sable, on a chevron Argent, between three pistols proper, as many roses Gules. Crest: Out of a tower Gules, a demi-lion rampant Argent [*Hopkin*]—

Here lyeth y^{e} Bodyes of Iohn Houghton | who died 15 Aug: 1682. Robt: Houghton :– | 5th son who died 19th Sept: 1681. Mary Hough | ton 2^{d} dãu: she died 23^{d} Apr: 1672 they: ∾ | were sones & dãu: of Iohn Houghton: | vicar of Backford by Iane his wife dau: | to Hugh Hopkin of Chomley gẽn. |

The Rev. John Haughton was instituted Vicar of Backford about 1665, and died about 1685. He was born 1633, and was a son of William Haughton of Haughton, in the parish of Bunbury, by his first wife Dorothea, daughter of George Davenport of Calveley, Esq. The estate descended to the vicar's son and heir, Hugh Haughton, whose heirs-general sold it. (See Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 292.)

[57]

Next the last-mentioned panel is another one in a frame ornamented with skulls and cross-bones alternately. A coat of arms, with an esquire's helm and a large flowing mantlet, Argent and Gules. Quarterly of twelve: 1st, Argent, on a bend engrailed Gules, three cinquefoils of the first; on a chief Azure, as many fleurs-de-lys Or [*Morgell*]; 2nd, Argent, on a fesse Gules, between two barrulets wavy Sable, three crescents Or, in chief a cross moline of the third [*Dod*]; 3rd, Per fesse Sable and Gules, an eagle displayed Argent (the base of the helm conceals the eagle's head) [*Edge*]; 4th, Argent, three pierced mullets of six points Sable [*Willaston*]; 5th, Argent, two bars Sable, the upper one charged with a crescent of the field, in chief an annulet of the second [*Brereton of Malpas*]; 6th, Argent, a chevron between three crescents Gules [*Ipstones*];

7th, Ermine, three mascles conjoined in fesse Gules [*Blymhill*?]; 8th, Or, a raven proper [*Corbet*]; 9th, Argent, [Or] an escarbuncle Sable [*Turet*]; 10th, Argent, a cross fleurettée Sable [ ]; 11th, Azure, a chief Gules, over all a lion rampant Or, armed and langued Gules [ ]; 12th, Gules, a cross Ermine [ ]. Impaling, Quarterly of six, viz.: 1st, Sable, two lions, counter-passant in pale Argent, armed and langued Gules [*Glegg*]; 2nd, Argent, a chevron between three bugle-horns Sable [*Sutton*]; 3rd, Azure, a lion rampant Argent, armed and langued Gules [*Montalt*]; 4th, Azure, three bendlets Argent [*Merton*]; 5th, Argent, a fesse between six fleurs-de-lys Gules [*Gayton*]; 6th, Sable, a chevron between three leopards' faces Argent [*Blankeney of Chester*]. Crest: Out of a crest coronet Or a leopard's [?] head Argent, spotted Sable—

Here lyeth y^e^ Body of Ralph Morgell[1] of Moston | in y^e^ county of Chester Esq^r^ Regester of y^e^ Con | sistory Court of Chester. He married Margret | daughter of Edward Glegge of Gayton Esq^r^ | & had issue Io: Hen: Rafe. Edw: Tho: W: Isabell & | Marg^tt^ wife of W^m^ Glasior of Ley Esq^r^. He died y^e^ 14 | of January 1678. aged 90 yeares. He left y^e^ poor | of Backford 10^l^ y^e^ vse of it to be given in bread | yearely for ever. Blessed are y^e^ charitable. |

[58]

To the west of the last-mentioned panel is a white marble tablet with an urn above and military emblems below, inscribed in capital letters throughout—

To the memory of | Baskervyle Glegg, Esq^re^ | of Backford Hall, in this parish, | captain in the 12^th^ or Prince of Wales | Royal Regiment of lancers, | he died at Manchester barracks | deeply lamented by his brother officers, | on the 26th of October

[1] See No. 48.

mdcccxliii, | aged 37. | This tablet is erected by his afflicted family, | in remembrance of his many virtues, | and their deep regret at his premature loss. |

Captain Baskervyle Glegg was the eldest son of General Glegg (No. 41) by his first wife, Emma Holt. Born 14th February 1806; died unmarried.

[59]

On the same wall is a white marble tablet, the inscription within a sculptured wreath, in block capitals—

In memory | of | Caroline Louisa, | only daughter of | Edward Holt & Margaret Glegg, | born 19th Feby 1846, | died at Backford Hall, Chester, | June 5th 1867. | Her remains | are deposited in the chancel | of this church. |

Caroline Louisa Glegg was the only daughter of Edward Holt Glegg by Margaret Maxwell Logan, his wife. See No. 42.

[60]

On the same wall, over the priest's door, is a painted panel in a plain black frame—

Margaret Birkenhed eldest dau | ghter of Henry Birkenhed esqr | dyed ye xth day of August A° [1624].

Arms, in a plain lozenge: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Sable, three garbs Or within a bordure Argent [*Birkenhead*]; 2nd, Ermine, on a bend cotised Gules, three crescents Or [*Huxley*]; 3rd, Or, six trefoils slipped three, two, and one Vert; in the fesse-point a cinquefoil Gules [ ].

Beneath the arms is the date—

J 6 24

Margaret Birkenhed was a younger sister of Mrs. Beverley, whose monument is given above, No. 53.

[61]

Over the same door is an oval white marble tablet—

Underneath | lieth the Remains | of Sarah | Relict | of Giwn Lloyd Eſq^r | of Hendwr | in the County of Merioneth | and Siſter | to *Sir* Rowland Hill Bar^t | of Hawkstone, | She died at BACKFORD Hall | April xiv | mdcclxxxii | Aged lxxiv. |

Sarah Lloyd was the daughter of John Hill of Wem, and afterwards of Hawkstone, co. Salop. Her brother, Sir Rowland Hill, was created a baronet in 1727.

[62] THE CHURCHYARD

The sun-dial plate has no inscription except the date 1772, but on the stone base there is carved—

JOHN HANCOCK
JOSEPH WARING
CHURCH WARDENS
1832

[63]

On an old font in the churchyard, now at the south-west corner of the nave of the church, is carved—

Richard Wright, William Rogers, *Ch: Wardens* 1733

[64]

Opposite the priest's door is a piece of white marble let into the stone top of an altar tomb, inscribed in capital letters—

In memory of | John Hesketh who died | Dec^r 3rd 1859 aged 72 | also of | Mary wife of the above | who died Dec^r 29th 1867 | aged 71 |

The inscription on the large stone is illegible.

[65]

On the north side of the church is a red sandstone flat stone with raised ornamental cross—

Sarah Juliana Glegg Died | 2 March 1847. | Lucy Anna Maria Glegg Died | 14 Sept 1848. |

The two ladies commemorated in this monument were daughters of General Glegg (No. 41), by his second wife, Sarah Barnard.

Over the door into a garden—

[66]

The lower part of an impaled shield of arms. All that remains on the dexter side is what seems to be bendy (or bendlets), and on the sinister, a garb. Below is the date, 1774.

[67]

A white marble cross, inscribed in capital letters—

In loving memory of the Rev^{d} G. B. Blomfield,[1] M.A., Canon of Chester Cathedral, and for 40 years rector of Stevenage, Herts. Born November 28th 1801, Died December 25th 1885. Also of Elizabeth Ellen Blomfield, of Mollington Hall, wife of the Rev^{d} G. B. Blomfield, M.A. Born December 4th 1805, Died April 23rd 1897, Also of Margaretta Dorothea Feilden, of Mollington Hall, Born August 15th 1810, Died April 20th 1892.

[68]

A white marble headstone, and near the priest's door, inscribed in capital letters—

In | remembrance of | George Denson,[2] | of Picton Hall, who died Nov^{r} 6th 1875, | aged 66, | also Margaret, his beloved wife, | who died at Picton Hall, May 13th 1877, | aged 62. |

[69]

A flat stone near the priest's door—

Underneath | lieth the remains of Robert Denson,[3] | of

[1] See No. 55. [2] See No. 50, note. [3] See No. 50, note.

Wervin who departed this life | the 4th day of February in the year of | our Lord 1775 Aged 63. | Also the remains of Rebecca Denson | of Wervin who departed her life | August the 23rd 1815 Aged 11 years | Also Margaret Denson | died 24th August 1846 Aged three weeks. | Also Mary wife of John Hayes | sister of the above Rebecca Denson | who departed this life August 13 1835 aged 57 years. | She was an affectionate wife, kind mother . . . [&c] | Also of the above named | John Hayes | of Hargreave | who departed this life Feb. 26th | 1871 Aged 73 Years. |

[70]

On the Lich Gate the following inscription is carved—

To · the · glory · of · God; and · in · affectionate · remembrance · of · the · Reverend · George · Becher · Blomfield[1] · | Canon · of · Chester · Cathedral · also · of · Elizabeth · Ellen · Blomfield · of · Mollington · Hall · his · widow; this · | Gate · is · erected · by · his · surviving · children · and · grand · children · Easter · 1898. |

[70*]

Inscriptions on the Backford Bells

(1) A. M. D. G. et in Piam Memoriam Reverendissimi in Xto Patris Gul. Jacobson Cestr. nuper Episc. D.D., R. J. Fairclough.

(2) R. J. Fairclough, M.A., Vicar. W. Taylor and R. Davies, Churchwardens.

The above were cast in 1887.

(3) Let none be in anger. We were cast by Richard Saunders, 1714.

(4) J. T., 1714.

These are the initials of John Turner, the vicar.

(5) John Birkened Esqre 1714.

(6) John Welesbe, William Hatton, Ch. Wardens, 1714.

[1] See No. 55.

The Church of St. Helen, or St. Mary,[1] Thornton-le-Moors, in the Hundred of Edisbury, in the County of Chester.

[71] THE TOWER

A south window of three lights, of plain glass.

On the floor there are four flat stones inscribed as follows, and others on which the inscriptions are illegible—

. . . . . her age | Simon Arrowsmith . . . . . | 26th 1799 in the 79 . . . . | his age. |

[72]

Here lieth the Body of Peter | To[mlinson] of Thornton Alſo | Mar[y ?-] . . . wife Jonathan and | Ma . . . . . r Children | Alſo . . . . Smith [?] Daughter | Alf . . . . . Jul . . . . . |

[73]

Sacre[d] | to the Memo[ry of] | Thomas Robe[rts, Esq.] | Late of Crab W[alle Hall] | in this Cou[nty who] died 22d March 18[27, aged 50 years] | Lucy [Lloyd] died 1st of [Dec.r 1829] | Aged [41].[2]

[74]

. . . . . son of John | [a]nd Ellen Reynaldson of | [T]hornton who died | March 11th 18 . . . . . Aged | . . . . . 7 Months. |

[75] THE NAVE

On the north wall, between the first and second windows from the west end, is a white marble tablet, mounted on blue marble, and inscribed—

In | memory of The | Revd Joseph Hodgkinson B.D. | rector of Dudcote, | Berkshire, and formerly | curate of this parish, |

[1] It is doubtful whether this church is dedicated to St. Helen or St. Mary.

[2] See No. 112.

who died June 6th 1851 ; | aged 77. | Also of | Anne Hodgkinson the beloved wife of the above | and daughter of | Robert Dutton, | of Thornton Hall, | who died Jany 28th 1849, | aged 75. | Also Mary Dutton, | sister of the above | Anne Hodgkinson, who died | April 18th 1858 ; aged 81 years. |

The Rev. Joseph Hodgkinson was the son of John Hodgkinson, of Prescot, co. Lanc., gent. Of Brasenose College, Oxford, B.A. 1796, M.A. 1798, B.D. 1811, Fellow until 1819, Vice-Principal 1814 ; Vicar of Didcot 1817, until his death. During his curacy at Thornton he wrote a pamphlet, entitled *An answer to the question, Whether it appears from the Writings of the Apostles, that they believed the Day of Judgment to be at hand*, which was referred to by Dr. William Cleaver, Bishop of Chester and Principal of Brasenose College, in the charge delivered to his clergy in 1799. (See *The Manchester School Register* (Chetham Society), vol. ii. page 104.)

[76]

Below the above tablet is a brass plate, inscribed in capital letters—

In memory of | Thomas Clarke | for forty-two years | clerk of this parish | died 15 Aug. 1894 | aged 76 years. | "I was glad when they said" &c. | This tablet is placed here by Joseph Pover, Churchwarden, | in recognition of his high character | and ungrudging service. |

[77]

On the same wall, between the second and third windows from the west end, is a white marble tablet let into the wall within a stone framework in the Gothic style, and inscribed in capital letters—

Sacred | to the memory of | Charles Gamon Esqre | of Thornton Green | who died Feby 14th 1850, | aged 65 years. | also of Sarah Gamon | who died Feby 8th 1837 | aged 46 years. |

Charles Gamon, of Thornton Green and Bridge Place, Chester, was a corn factor and miller of the Dee Mills. He was baptized at Ince January 1783, and married Sarah Meacock, but died without issue. He was the third son of Charles Gamon (No. 78).

[78]

On the same wall, to the west of the third window from the west end, and next to the pulpit, is a white marble tablet, mounted on a black slab, and inscribed in capital letters—

Sacred | to the memory of | Charles Gamon | of the City of Chester | who died 15th January 1829, | aged 79 years. | and | Margaret his wife | who died 28th September 1829, | aged 75 years. |

J. Wright. Ft. Chester.

Charles Gamon, sometime of Ince, afterwards of Blacon Farm. Baptized at Ince February 1750. Married at Thornton, December 1779, Margaret, daughter of John Percival of Hapsford (son of William Percival of Thornton). He was the fifth son of Richard Gamon, of Thornton and Ince, yeoman (died 1765), by Jane his wife (died 1777), daughter of Charles Walley of Wimbolds Trafford.

[78*]

Since these notes were taken a brass has been placed below the last monument, bearing the following inscription, in capital letters—

Sacred to the memory of | William McWaters | churchwarden of this parish 1889–1903. | who died April 16th 1904. | aged 78 years. | "He walked in peace and equity." Mal. ii. 6. |

[79]

On the north side of the arcading in the nave is a white marble tablet: — Arms: in a lozenge, Quarterly, 1st and 4th [Argent], a wyvern [Gules, *Drake*]; 2nd, Or, a tree eradicated [ ]; 3rd, . . . a cross . . . between four garbs . . . [ ]. Impaling: Quarterly, 1st, Sable, a fesse and in chief two mullets [Or, *Yate*]; 2nd, Or, a bend sinister Gules between two annulets [probably meant for Azure, a chevron between three annulets Or, *Dobyns*]; 3rd, Gules, a chevron between ten

crosses pattée [Or, *Berkeley of Arlingham*]; 4th, Gules, a stag's head cabossed [Or, *Box*]—

Sacred | to the memory of | Eleanora, | relict of | the Rev^d. Thomas Drake D.D. | Vicar of Rochdale, Lancashire, | she was the daughter of | Rob^t. Dobyns Yate, Esquire, | of | Bromesberrow, Gloucestershire | by his wife Elizabeth, daughter | of Rich^d. Gorges, Esquire, | of Eye, in the county of Hereford. | She died March 20th 1829, | aged 68. |

Dr. Drake died 12th Sept. 1819, aged 75. (Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853, page 1668.)

[80]

On the pulpit is a brass plate, inscribed in capital letters—

To the | Glory of God and in Memory of the | Rev^d. Canon Barker M.A. | For 29 years Rector of this Parish | Who died April 25^th. 1878, Aged 67 years. |

The Rev. Thomas Francis Barker, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford, was instituted Rector of Thornton 23rd January 1849. He was the second son of Francis Edge Barker, of Chester.

Here is the step up from the nave to the chancel.

[81] THE CHANCEL

Carved in incised letters on the front of the choir stalls, on the north side of the chancel—

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W
16 I&M 94

Carved in bold incised letters, in one line, on the front of the oak altar—

THO◇BVSH◇EL◇JOH◇JOHN◇on◇CVRCH◇WAR◇1694◇

[82]

The lectern, of oak, with a brass mound and eagle, is inscribed in old English letters—

The Church of Thornton-le-Moors is presented with this Lectern in grateful and affectionate remembrance of | the Rev. D^r^ Perryn, one of the best of brothers, by his most truly attached sister Harriet Perryn, A.D. 1884. |

Sir *Richard Perryn*, of Queen's College, Oxford, and the Inner Temple (born 1723, died 1803), was one of the Barons of the Exchequer and Vice-Chamberlain of Cheshire; he was knighted 1776. His eldest son, the Rev. *Richard Perryn*, A.M. (No. 92), Rector of Standish (born 1754, died 1825), married *Dorothy*, daughter and heiress of George Edward Gerrard (No. 91) of Trafford Hall, J.P., D.L. (born 1723, died 1794). She died 1826. Their son, *Richard Gerrard Perryn*, of Trafford Hall (No. 88), was born 1791, and died 1850. On 20th June 1822 he married *Harriet Barbara* (No. 89), fourth daughter of Alexander Hatfield, of . . . by Mary, his wife, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Perryn, Baron of the Exchequer, above named. Mrs. Perryn died in 1845. They had issue—(1) the Rev. *Gerrard Alexander Perryn*, D.D., of Trafford Hall (No. 87), who was born 1824 and died 1878, having married, in 1857, *Elizabeth Massey*, daughter of Admiral Sir Provo William Parry Wallis, G.C.B., by his first wife, Juliana, daughter of the Ven. Archdeacon Massey. Mrs. Perryn died 1890. (2) Mary Dorothea (No. 88), who died unmarried; (3) Harriet Perryn, now of Trafford Hall; and (4) Richard Henry Perryn.

[83]

In the north wall is a window of two lights, to the east of the pulpit—

To · the · glory · of · God · and · to · the · dear · memory · of · | Henry · Vernon · Prichard · sub-lieut · R.N. · who · died · | at · Shanghai · 7^th^ · Oct. · 1867 · aged · 20 · years · |
also · of · Hesketh · Brodrick · Prichard · | lieut · 25^th^ · Reg^t^ · who died · at · Jhansi · 5^th^ · Oct. · 1876 · aged · 25 · years · |
hanc · fenestram · p.c. · frater · ejus · Carolus · | Collwyn · Prichard · A.M. · Parochiae · Rector · MDCCCXCV.

The two officers commemorated by this monument were sons of Mr. Charles Edward Prichard, of Mitton, co. Worcester, and

Anne, his wife, daughter of Henry Brodrick, Major 29th Regiment, and younger brothers of the present Rector of Backford, the Rev. Charles Collwyn Prichard, M.A., Brasenose College, Oxford, who was Vicar of Whalley 1881 to 1895. This family descends from the Prichards of Collenna, co. Glamorgan, of whom Richard Prichard was High Sheriff of Brecon in 1554.

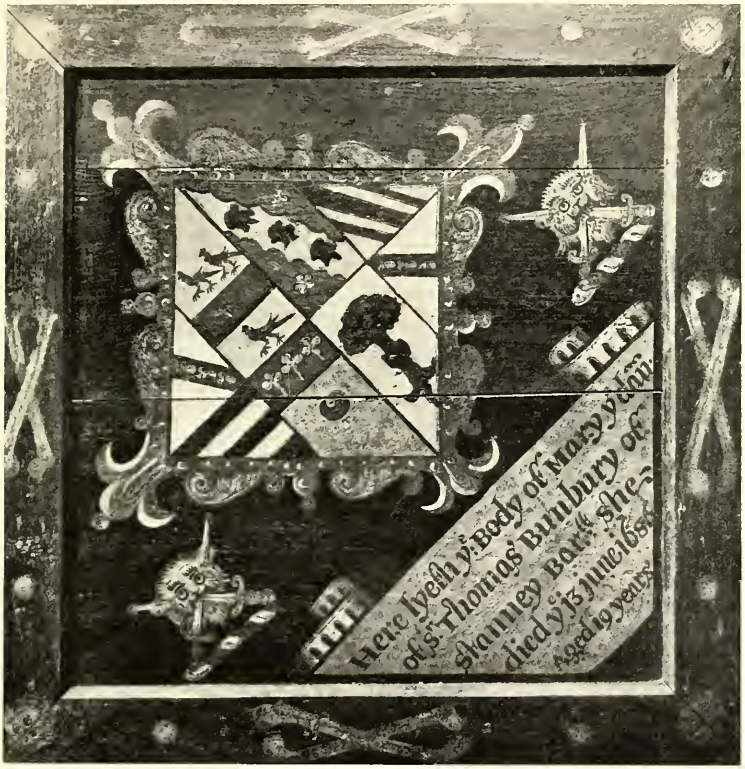
[84]

On the same wall, over a square window of two lights, next to the chancel arch, is a lozenge-shaped painted panel, with cross-bones and skulls on the frame. Arms: On a lozenge, in a cut and scrolled framework—Quarterly, 1st, Argent, on a bend Sable three chess-rooks of the first [*Bunbury*]; 2nd, Argent, a fesse between three pheasants Gules [*Stanney*]; 3rd, Gules, on a bend engrailed Argent between two cinquefoils Or, three leopards' faces Sable [Vert, *Aldersey*]; 4th, Argent, a bend cotised Sable [*Barton*]; 5th, Sable, two bars Argent [*Stalker*]; 6th, Or, on a chief Gules three trefoils slipped Or, a crescent of the second for difference [*Bamville*]; 7th, Argent, a tree eradicated proper fructed Gules [*Sylvester*]; 8th, As the 1st.

Here lyeth y^e^ Body of Mary y^e^ dau̅ | of S^r^ Thomas Bunbury of | Stanney Bar^tt^ she | died y^e^ 13 June 1686 | aged 19 years. |

On either side of the lozenge, below, is the *Bunbury* crest, viz.: Two swords saltierwise passing through the mouth of a leopard's face Or, the blades proper, hilts Gold.

The will of Mary Bunbury, late of Stanney, spinster, dated 8th September 1684, was proved at Chester 27th July 1686 by her brother Sir Henry Bunbury, after whose death Administration *de bonis non* was granted 22nd March 1687–8 to Dame Mary Eyton, of Wrexham, widow, to the use of the Hon. Henry Bunbury, Bart., and William Bunbury, minors, his sons. The testatrix lived at Wrexham. Her will begins: "As to what my father Thomas Bunbury of Bunbury and Stanney gave me I desire it may be disposed on thus if my brother Henry Bunbury, Baronett, think fitt, who I do constitute and ordaine him . . . executor." To him £10 to buy mourning clothes, and my



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father's picture and all my books. To his wife £10 to buy mourning. To sister Amey Eyton £5 to buy mourning. To the following persons the testatrix left 20s. each to buy rings:—My Lady Eyton, Cousin Betty, Uncle Henry Bunbury, and my aunt his wife, Uncle Joseph Bunbury and my aunt his wife, Aunt Mary Bunbury and Cousin Charles Bunbury and Cousin William Bunbury, Aunt Dye Bunbury and Cousin Dulsebella Bunbury, Aunt Chetwood and Cousin John Chetwood, Cousin Sarah Bankes, Cousin Shusana Manley of the Lach, Sister Bunbury and Sister Amy and Cousin Puleston the widow and Cousin Shusanna Puleston. To my [step-] mother my Lady Bunbury 20s. to buy her a ring, and my velvet mantle. To nephews Henry, William, John, Joseph, and Richard Bunbury £100 each. To Sister Greene's children Neddy and John and Tommy and Sarah £50 apiece to be put out at use for them. To my dear Aunt Legh £100. To Cousin ffranceas Legh my silver pepper-box and silver grater. To Aunt Morgan £5. To Aunt Cowley £5. To my [half-] sisters Priscilla Bunbury and Lucy Bunbury £100 apiece. To my Lady Eyton £5 to buy a piece of plate. To the poor of Stoke parish £100. To my brother Bunbury's servants Richard and Margaret and Betty Nickells and Kathrine and Mary and Mrs. Sauntley and David and Jack 20s. apiece. To my maid Cosen Alice Maddher £100 and all my clothes. To my sister Bunbury my point coranett [lace?]. To Cousin Fownes [?] wife £100. "I leave one guinney to Mr. Win the parson to preach my funerall sarmon." There is no signature to the will.

[85]

Further east, on the same wall, is a square painted panel, with skulls and cross-bones on the frame. Arms: Quarterly of eight: 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey;* 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville;* 7th, *Sylvester.* Over all the badge of Ulster. Impaling, Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, Ermine, a lion rampant Azure [*Elyder*, for *Eyton*]; 2nd, Argent, a chevron between three crows Sable holding in the beak an Ermine spot [*Llowarch ap Branne*]; 3rd, Paly of eight Argent and Gules, a lion rampant Sable [*Griffith Maelor*]; 4th, Vert, a chevron between three wolves' heads erased Argent [*Rereth Vlaith*]; 5th, Argent, a lion rampant Sable debruised by a bendlet sinister Gules [*Owen Brogintyn*]; 6th, Or, a lion rampant

within a bordure engrailed Gules [*Gwenwynwyn*]; 7th, Argent, a cinquefoil Sable [Azure? . . .] Crests, on the dexter side: 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, Out of a panache [Argent] a demi-wolf [griffin?] rampant [Gules, *Aldersey?*]; On the sinister side: 3rd, Out of a crest coronet Or, a demi-dragon Argent, holding in the dexter claw a sword [*Eyton*]; 4th, A demi-lion rampant Argent [ ].

Here lyeth y^e^ body of S^r^ Henry Bunbury of Stan | ney in y^e^ County of Chester Bar^tt^ who married | Dame Mary daughter of S^r^ Kendrick Eyton of | Eyton in y^e^ County of Denbigh K^t^ by whom he | had iſsue Thomas · Henry · William · John · | Joseph · Richard · Francis & Elizabeth. he | dyed 20^th^ day of December Año Domini 1687 | aged 31 yeares. |

[Sir] "Henry Bunbury of Stanney, co. Chester, Barronet" being in good health, made his will, dated 16th Feb. 1686[–7]. He desires to be buried in the Parish Church of Thornton, co. Chester, "as near my Dear Mother who lyeth interred in the chancell . . . as conveniently I may."—"Unto my eldest son Henry Bunbury my watch, signet gold ring, my large silver seal, all my books, my velvet saddle, guns, pistolls and pictures." All the rest of his personal estate to "my younger sons William, Richard and Francis (minors) in regard my younger children are but meanly provided for at present."—"I request my heir . . . to bury me decently according to my Quality att his owne charge." Mentions "the money which fell to me by the death of my sister Mary, now in the hands of S^r^ Thomas Stanley Barr^t^." Friend William Nickalls to manage my son's estate. Son and heir Henry, Executor. "My honoured Mother in law Dame Mary Eyton and my dear brothers Kenrick Eyton of Eyton, Esq. and Francis Eyton of the Inner Temple, London, Esq^r^. to have Letters of Administration during the minority of my said executor." Witnesses:—Amy Eyton. Frances Platt. Elizabeth Power. Tho. Bradshaw. The seal has a helm, mantling and shield of quartered arms: 1, Bunbury, 2, Stanney, 3, Aldersey, 4, Bamville.

In a codicil, dated 1st December 1687, the testator mentions his sisters Amy Eyton, Priscilla Bunbury, and Lucy Bunbury, cousin Elizabeth Power, and other persons apparently servants, Mr. Price, Vicar of Wrexham, who is to preach his funeral sermon, and he leaves legacies to the poor of Thornton and Wrexham and his "dear sister Fownes." The codicil is sealed

with the Bunbury crest, and witnessed by Jo. Kendrick, William Kenrick, and Tho. Bradshaw.

Administration of the goods of the Honourable Henry Bunbury of Stanney was, on the 22nd March 1687[–8] granted, at Chester, to Dame Mary Eyton, of Wrexham, widow, John Puleston, of Havod-y-Wern, joining in the bond.

The inventory, amounting to £193, 12s., was taken 10th January 1687[–8]. It includes 16 lb. 14 oz. of silver at 5s. per ounce £67, 10s., and mentions the red chamber, the painted chamber, the nursery, the brewing kitchen, &c.

Sir Kenrick Eyton was of Eyton Isaf, co. Denbigh, and was buried at Bangor-is-y-coed 21st Nov. 1681. Some notices of his family occur in Earwaker's *History of St. Mary's-on-the-hill, Chester*.

[86]

Next, going east, on the same wall, is a square painted panel, with bezants on the frame. Arms: On a lozenge with an ornamental frame—Quarterly, 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey;* 4th, *Bamville*—

Here lyeth y^e^ Body of Martha daught^r^ of | S^r^ Henry Bunbury of Stañey K^t^ by Añe | his 1^st^ wife daughter of Geffrey Shaker | ley of Shakerley Eſq^r^ she dyed the 15^th^ | day of Iuly in the yeare mdclxiiii. |

The will of "Martha Bunbury one of the daughters of Sir Henry Bunbury of Stanney, co. Chester, knight, deceased," dated 10th Feb. 1662[–3] was proved at Chester 18th August 1664. The testatrix left her "body to Christian Buriall wheare I desire may be at Thornton with my Father at the oversight of my exequetor."—"Vnto my louinge Brother Henry Bunbury of Stanney Eſſq. twenty pound and my sygnet ringe to weare for my sake in token of my loue."—"Vnto my sister M^rs^ Mary Gittens £20 — — her sonn my nephew Richard Draper."—"Vnto my sister Elizabeth Vincent £20 [remainder? to] my sister Conningham's two daughters & I desire she may have my best dyamond ringe. Vnto my deare sister Priscilla Bulckeley the fifty poundes which is due unto me by a bond I had from my mother for my parte of goods was left me by my father &c. . . . Vnto nephew Thomas Bunbury Eſſq^r^ tenn pounds, my downe bed . . . with one payer of flanen sheets." To brothers John and Thomas Bunbury £10 each. To sister Alice Smith £5. "Vnto my Goddaughter Elizabeth Bunbury my silver poddinger,

my Dyamond Ringe with one stone & my virginalls and frame the[y] stand upon. Vnto my Neece Vrsulla Bunbury my silluer tunn and little Dyamond Ringe. Vnto my Nephewes my brother [Henry] Bunbury's sonnes Henry, William, Joseph and Richarde 20s. apiece. Vnto my Neece Susanna Davies 20s., my gould bodkin and pirle and pomander braslett. Vnto my sister in law Ellinor Bunbury 20s. Vnto my Neece Sarah Bunbury my lytle tunn. Vnto my Neece Mary Bunbury my Nephew William's wife 20s. Vnto my brother Thomas Bunbury's children £10. Vnto my Neece Dullsebella Bunbury my Cabinett and to my Neece Diana Bunbury my pirle and currall braſselets. Vnto my Coſsen Mary Frogge 20s. Vnto my Goddaughter Lettice Glegge 20s. and my braſslet edged with pirle and garnets with the ringe in it. Vnto my brother Bulckeley 20s. and my clocke. Vnto my Cosen Thomas Birkhened the ellder my blacke and gould enamiled ringe with deaths head on it. Vnto my ould freinde Thomas Wright, Watchmaker, 20s. . . . freinde Mary Anderson my gould ringe enamiled with blew with the ancker and hope on it. To Ellen Eaton and to her child my Goddaughter 40s. Vnto Mary Mercer my maide £5, my haire prunella gowne and petticoate &c. Vnto the Minister of S[t] John's 20s. To the poore of Greate S[t] John's in Chester, Thornton in the Moores and Stoake in Worrall £4. The rest to my Executor my louinge Nephew Thomas Bunbury Eſſq[r] My brother Thomas Bunbury and good coſsen Thomas Birkhened the ellder overseers." This is a holograph will, in very good bold writing, sealed with a small oval seal bearing the arms and crest with helm and mantlet; the shield is quarterly of six: 1, Bunbury; 2, Stanney; 3, Aldersey; 4, Barton; 5 and 6 are obliterated, but were probably Bamville and Sylvester. The inventory, amounting to £376, 18s., was taken on the 1st August 1664 by George Chamberlin and Richard Hulse, and, among other things, includes a bible and "one little box full of Bookes," valued at £1, 10s.

[87]

Between the second and third windows in the same wall, to the east of the pulpit, is a white marble tablet with the figure of an angel above—

[Text at the top.] | Sacred to the memory of | the Reverend Doctor | Gerrard Alexander Perryn[1] | of Trafford Hall, in this parish | who died on the 19[th] day of January 1878, | aged 54. | [Text 1 John iii. 1, and a verse.] | also to the memory of | Elizabeth Massey, | widow of the above | who died on the 2[nd] day of January 1890 | aged 71 years. | [Text, St. Matt. v. 8.]

[1] See No. 82.

Below, on the base, are the crest and motto of *Gerard*, a lion's jamb erect and erased grasping a hawk's lure—Jehovah Jireth; and the crest and motto of Perryn, a pine-apple erect—Non omnis moriar.

[88]

On the same wall, between the two easternmost windows, is a white marble tablet mounted on black marble. Arms: [Argent], On a chevron, between three pine-apples, reversed [Vert], as many leopards' faces [of the first. *Perryn*]. Crest: A pine-apple. Motto: Spectemur agendo—

Sacred to the memory of | Richard Gerrard Perryn[1] Esq^re^ | of Trafford Hall in this parish | who died July 8th 1850 aged 59 years | his family desire to record on this | tablet their last tribute of affection | to the memory of a most affectionate | parent, who though "being | dead yet speaketh." | Also to the memory of | Mary Dorothea Perryn. | the eldest daughter of the above | who died August 13th 1846, aged 21 years. | Requiescant in pace. |

[89]

Between the same windows a white marble tablet inscribed in capital letters—

Sacred to the memory of | Harriet Barbara the beloved wife | of R. G. Perryn[2] Esq^r^ patient under | bodily suffering and exemplary in the | discharge of all the social and relative duties, | she shewed both in her faith and practice | what it is to be a christian. Her mournful relatives, | deeply as they deplore her loss, yet grieve not | as those without hope, but humbly trusting in the | mercies of God through Jesus Christ, they look | beyond the grave to her reward in heaven. | She departed this life Feb^ry^ 22nd 1845 in the 45^th^ year of her age. | Also to the memory of Mary Perryn sister of the above, | whose conduct through life was uniformly guided | by the dictates of piety and virtue. | She died April 25^th^ 1844 aged 57 years. | Non omnis moriar. |

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[1] See No. 82. [2] See No. 82.

[90]

In the same wall, the most easterly window, of two lights—

To the glory of God | and in memory of | George and Margaret | Lloyd of Elton 1898. |

[91]

On the same wall, in the corner next the east window, a monument of white and coloured marble, with an urn at the top—

In memory of | George Edward Gerrard Eſquire | One of his Majesty's Juſtices of the Peace | And | One of the Deputy Lieutenants of this County | who was born in Cheſter April 23rd 1723 | And died at Trafford Auguſt 20th 1794 | In public and private life | His conduct was the reſult of a mind | Governd [*sic*] by the principles | of uniform rectitude and integrity | As a Magiſtrate he was intelligent & active | As a Huſband tender and affectionate | As a Father mild and provident | As a Maſter juſt & benevolent | As a Friend zealous & sincere | As a Chriſtian pious, steady & orthodox | Conſtantly evincing his faith | By the works of righteouſneſs | He married Elizabeth the only daughter of George Johnson of Warrington Eſquire | A Woman of singular piety & diſcretion | Who having feared the Lord all her days | Departed this life July 21st 1766. | In the 37th year of her age. | They had iſsue two daughters and one son. | The latter died an infant and was interr'd | In the chancel of Saint John's Church in Cheſter | Dorothy their eldeſt daughter married | The Revd Richd Perryn A.M. | Rector of Standiſh in Lancaſhire | By whom as a teſtimony however small | of his gratitude and reſpect | This Monument is erected. |

Arms: (below) Argent, a saltire Gules [the *Fitzgerald* arms, used by *Gerrard*]. Crest: A lion's jamb erect and erased Azure [?] grasping a hawk's lure.

George Edward Gerrard, whose family had for some generations possessed another estate in the same township, purchased the manor of Wimbolds Trafford from Mr. Randle Wilbraham, who

had bought it in 1752. It is probable that Mr. Gerard was a descendant of James Gerard (No. 94.)

[92]

Below the last is a white marble tablet; crest, above, a fir cone erect—

Sacred to the Memory of the Rev^d. Richard Perryn[1] A.M. | forty six years Rector of Standish in the County of Lancaster | he was the eldest Son of the late Hon. Sir Richard Perryn Kn^t. | one of the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer | and vice Chamberlain of the County Palatine of Chester | this worthy and Conscientious Pastor | by his various and liberal deeds of Piety and benevolence | and by his strict integrity and uprightness of character | adorned the Doctrine of GOD his Saviour | he was a most affectionate Husband and Father | and his many amiable and christian virtues | endeared him to all his friends | He died at Trafford Hall Oct^r. 31st 1825 in the 72^nd. year of his age | and lies interred in the Family Vault in this Church | Also to the Memory of Dorothy his faithful and beloved Wife | who having faithfully and conscientiously discharged | the social and relative duties | departed this Life June 23^rd. 1826 in the 75^th. year of her age | with all the comfort supplied by hope | and all the resignation afforded by Religion | This monument was erected as a tribute of dutiful affection | by their children. | [Text, Psalm cxii. vi.]

[93]

The east window of the chancel has five lights, and is inscribed—

To·the·glory·of·God·and·in·memory· | of·all·saints·especially· those· | who·have·worshipped·in·this·church· | this·window· is·placed·here·by· | Joseph·Pover·J.P.·of·Elton·Hall.[2] |

[94]

On the south wall, in the corner next the east window, high up, is a small square painted panel with conventional skull, cross-bones, and bezants on the frame, and having an esquire's helm, and a

[1] See No. 82. [2] See No. 107.

mantlet Gules, doubled Argent. Crest: A lion's jamb erect and erased Argent, holding a hawk's lure Or. Arms: Quarterly of six, viz.: 1st, Argent, a saltire Gules [*Gerard;* the arms of *Fitzgerald*]; 2nd, Azure, a lion rampant Ermine crowned Or [*Gerard*]; 3rd, Azure, a lion rampant Argent [*Montalt*]; 4th, Vert, a cross engrailed Ermine [*Kingsley*]; 5th, Argent, a thorn tree proper [*Sylvester?*]; 6th, As the 1st. Over all, in the fesse-point, a martlet Sable on a crescent Or, for difference—

Neer vnto this place lieth interred the | Body of Iames Gerard of wimbold traf | ford Gent: son of Rich: a yonger Son of | Rich: Gerard of Crewood Esqr who died ỹ | 8th day of Decemb: j679 Aged 54 years. |

Although the general appearance of this panel resembles Randle Holme's work, there are certain indications that it is of later date than 1679. The shape of the helm, the drawing of the lions, and the style and condition of the painting, all suggest that the work was done at the latter part of the eighteenth or early part of the nineteenth century.

In a note in Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, vol. ii. page 131, reference is made to a pedigree of the Gerards of Wimbolds Trafford in Harl. MS. 2119, which identifies the Richard Gerard of Crewood, named in this monumental inscription, with Richard Gerard of Crewood, gent. (buried at Frodsham in 1619), who had, by his second wife, Elizabeth Dutton, a son, Richard Gerard of Frodsham and Alvanley, who appears as the father of James Gerard commemorated in this inscription. According to the same pedigree, James was succeeded by a son and grandson of the same names.

By his will, dated 3rd June 1678, and proved at Chester 1st December 1680, James Gerrard of Wimbolds Trafford, gent., gives all his lands in Wimbolds Trafford and Happsford unto Nathaniel Leene, of Woodchurch, co. Chester, yeoman, and John Dunbabin, of Great Sankey, co. Lanc., woollen draper, upon trust to pay his wife £40 and the residue of income to his eldest son to pay a debt to one Thomas Lithgoe. He mentions his messuage and tenement, called Whittell, in Sankey; and leaves all lands of inheritance to his eldest son, with remainder to his second son, and remainders, as to lands in Wimbolds Trafford, Frodsham, and Overton, to Elizabeth Wilkinson, and as to lands in

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Rich: Gerard of Crewood esq: who died
8th day of Decemb. 1679. Aged 54 years

IN THORNTON-LE-MOORS CHURCH

No. 94

Happsford and Alvanley to Ellenor Ravenscrofte, wife of Hugh Ravenscroft, of Bartington, co. Chester. The executors are his friends Randle Hankin, of Rushton, co. Chester, innkeeper, and Ralph Dutton, of the City of Chester, cloth worker. The witnesses are G. Booth, St. John Booth, Henry Hughes, and Thomas Basnett. The inventory, taken 18th December 1679, amounts to £216, 18s. 4d., and includes sums of £61 for cows, calves, &c., and £45 for cheese.

[95]

Immediately below this panel is a white marble tablet on dove-coloured marble. Crest: On an esquire's helm, a lion rampant per pale Argent and Gules [*Folliott*]. Arms: Gules, a bend Argent [*Folliott*]; impaling, Or a chevron Gules between three stags' heads cabossed sable [*Harwood*]. Below the arms is the inscription in capital letters—

Sacred to the Memory of | The Rev^d^ Edward Harwood, | Rector of this Parish: deceased September 1760. | Mary Folliott, | his daughter, | wife of James Folliott, Esq^r^ | merchant, of the city of Chester, March 1764. | Theodosia Folliott, | their daughter, September 1768. | Elizabeth Harwood, wife of the Rev^d^ Edward Harwood, April 1772. | Elizabeth Trevisa, | daughter of Eliz^th^ Harwood, May 1789. | James Folliott, Esq^r^ | who died, in December 1790, at Eaton Hall. | and whose remains | were deposited in the chancel of the Church at Congleton, | in the County Palatine of Chester. | Elizabeth Folliott | daughter of William Harwood [Folliott], | son of the above James Folliott, and Katherine his wife, | who died at Chester, | November 8^th^ 1824, Aged 21. | Elizabeth Prosser, | niece of the above James Folliott, | who died April 13th 1829, at Chester; | in the 77^th^ year of her age. | William Harwood Folliott Esq^r^ | who died November 22^nd^ 1831, at his residence in Chester, | in the 71^st^ year of his age. | Katherine relict of the above | William Harwood Folliott Esq^r^ | who died at Malpas in this County on the 30^th^ May 1850, | in the 79^th^ year of her age. | George the second son of the above William Harwood Folliott Esq^r^ | and Katherine his wife, who died at Vicars Cross | near Chester on the 20^th^ of June 1851, | in the 51^st^ year of his age, | and whose remains were deposited in the vault | in the general cemetery at Chester.

J. Bacon. S. Manning.

The Rev. Edward Harwood was instituted Rector of Thornton 1st September 1733. James Folliott, of Chester, merchant, who died in 1790, was the son of William Folliott of Londonderry, and was born there. Katherine, the wife of William Harwood Folliott, was the daughter and heiress of John Burscoe, of Stapeley House, near Nantwich. The elder brother of George Folliott was the Rev. James Folliott, M.A., Pembroke College, Oxford, born July 1799. (See Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853, page 425.)

Hatchments

On the south wall of the chancel, above the arcading, are hung four nineteenth-century hatchments.

[96]

Ground of hatchment, per pale Sable and Argent. Motto: Non omnis moriar. Crest: A fir-cone [pine-apple] erect Or. Arms: Argent, on a chevron Sable, between three fir-cones [pine-apples] reversed Or [Vert], as many cats' [leopards'] faces proper [of the first, *Perryn*]; an escutcheon of pretence, Argent, a saltire Gules [the *Fitzgerald* arms used by *Gerrard*].

This is the hatchment set up for the Rev. Richard Perryn, Rector of Standish, in 1825 (No. 92).

[97]

Ground of hatchment Sable, a skull below, cherubim above. Esquire's helm, and uncut mantlet Gules, doubled Argent. Motto: Spectemur agendo. Crest: A pine-apple erect Or, leaved and sprouting Vert. Arms: Argent, on a chevron Sable, between three fir-cones [pine-apples] reversed Vert, as many leopards' faces [of the first, *Perryn*].

The skull below the arms should indicate that the person commemorated is the last male representative of his family, and this hatchment may, therefore, have been set up for the Rev. Gerrard Alexander Perryn (No. 87); but if so, the helm and crest should have been omitted, as they are inappropriate to a clergyman.

[98]

Ground of hatchment per pale Sable and Argent; two esquires' helms and one elaborate mantlet Gules, doubled Argent. Arms: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Argent, on a chevron Sable, between three fir-cones [pine-apples] reversed Vert, as many leopards' faces of the first [*Perryn*]; 2nd and 3rd, Argent, a saltire Gules [the *Fitzgerald* arms used by *Gerrard*]; impaling Barry of ten Or and Azure, a bend Gules [*Waleis* or *Wallis*]. Two crests: 1st, A fir-cone [pine-apple] without leaves, erect Or [*Perryn*]. Motto: Spectemur agendo. 2nd, A lion's jamb erect and erased proper grasping a hawk's lure Or [*Gerrard*]. Motto, above: Jehovah Jireh [*sic*].

This is the hatchment set up for the Rev. Gerrard Alexander Perryn in 1878 (No. 87).

[99]

Ground of hatchment per pale Sable and Argent, a skull below the shield. Motto: Sic transit gloria mundi. Esquire's helm and a much scrolled mantlet Gules, doubled Argent. Crest: A lion rampant, per pale Argent and Gules [*Folliott*]. Arms: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Gules, a bend Argent [*Folliott*]; 2nd and 3rd, Or, a chevron between three stags' heads cabossed Sable [*Harwood*].

This hatchment was probably set up for William Harwood Folliott in 1831 (No. 95).

[100]

Ground of hatchment Sable. Arms: on a lozenge; Argent, on a chevron Sable, between three fir-cones [pine-apples] reversed Vert, as many leopards' faces of the first [*Perryn*], impaling Barry of nine Sable and Or, a bend Gules [ ]. Motto: Spectemur agendo.

This appears to be the hatchment set up for Harriet Barbara (No. 89), wife of Richard Gerrard Perryn, in 1845; if so, the ground should have been per pale Argent and Sable, as her husband survived her.

[101] THE CHAPEL[1]

On the organ is a brass plate inscribed in old English letters—

The Church of Thornton-le-Moors is presented with this Organ, | in fond remembrance of the late Revd Dr Perryn[2] of Trafford | Hall, in this Parish, by his deeply attached widow Elizabeth | Maſsey Perryn, Lady of the Manor of Wimbolds Trafford. |

[102]

On the plate chest, behind the organ, is very neatly carved—

I : B · W · : · H H : K ·
C Minist.r W

1732

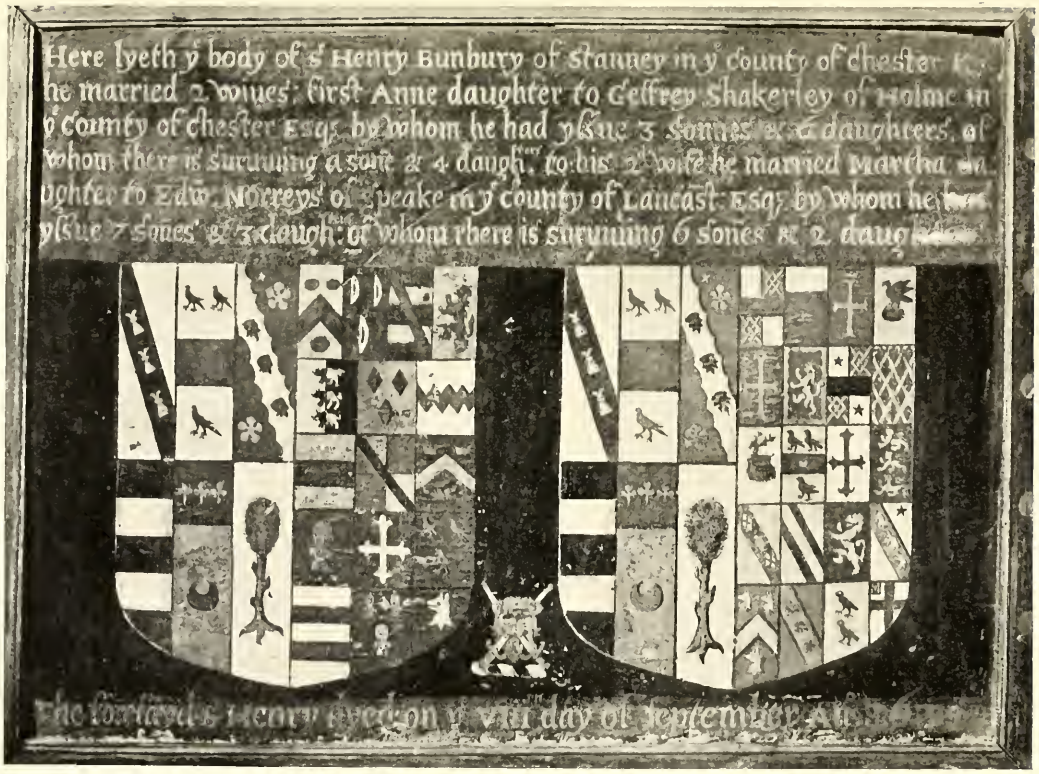
The initials W. H. are those of the Rev. William Handley, who was nominated curate of Thornton-le-Moors by the Rev. Robert Boothe, Rector, 7th September 1729, the nomination being dated from Bristol. He continued as curate here until 1783, when he died at an advanced age. He is said to have kept a school at Thornton.

[103]

On the south wall of the chapel, behind the organ, between the two easternmost windows, is an oblong painted panel, the frame ornamented with bezants, thereon two shields of arms side by side, and between their bases the crest of *Bunbury*.

[1] This chapel is supposed to have been erected by the Frodshams of Elton. It stands to the south of the chancel, and contains the organ.

[2] See No. 82.


Here lyeth y body of s Henry Bunbury of Stanney in y County of Chester E
he married 2 wiues: first Anne daughter to Geffrey Shakerley of Holme in
y County of Chester Esq; by whom he had yssue 3 sonnes & 4 daughters, of
whom there is surviuing a sonne & 4 daugh: to his 2d wife he married Martha
ughter to Edw. Norreys of Speake in y County of Lancast. Esq; by whom he
yssue 7 sones & 3 daugh: of whom there is surviuing 6 sones & 2 daug
the forsaid s Henry lyed on y viii day of September A

IN THORNTON-LE-MOORS CHURCH

No. 103

The first shield:—Quarterly of six, viz.: 1st, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet Or for difference; 4th, *Stalker;* 5th, *Bamville*, with a crescent Gules in the fesse-point; 6th, *Sylvester;* impaling, Quarterly of sixteen, viz.: 1st, Argent, a chevron Sable, between three rush-hills Vert [*Shakerley*]; 2nd, Sable, three shuttles erect Argent [*Shakerley*]; 3rd, Sable [Azure], two bars Argent, over all a bend Gules [*Leigh of Booths*]; 4th, Or, a lion rampant Gules [*Leigh*]; 5th, Per pale Argent and Sable, three boars passant counterchanged [*Swineyard*]; 6th, Or, three lozenges Azure [*Baguley*]; 7th, Argent, a fesse dancettée Gules [*Chedle*]; 8th, Or, a fesse Azure [*Vernon*]; 9th, Quarterly Or and Gules, a bend Sable [*Malbanc*]; 10th, Azure, a chevron between three crowns Or [*Corona*]; 11th, Azure, a garb Or [*Grosvenor of Holme*]; 12th, Sable, a cross patonce Argent [*Pulford*]; 13th, Sable [Azure], three birds [pheasants] Or [*Fesant*]; 14th, Argent, two bars Gules [*Mainwaring of Peover*]; 15th, Azure, three garbs Or [*Blundeville*]; 16th, Azure, a wolf's head erased Argent [*Hugh Lupus*].

The second shield:—*Bunbury*, and quarterings as last, impaling, Quarterly of twenty, viz.: 1st, Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Argent, 2nd and 3rd, Gules, a fret Argent [Or], over all a fesse Sable [Azure, *Norres of Speke*]; 2nd, Sable [Azure], a chief Argent [*Haselwall of Heswall*]; 3rd, Sable [Azure], a cross moline crowned Or [*Molyneux*]; 4th, Argent, on a mount Vert an eagle rising Sable, beaked and legged Or [*Erneys*]; 5th, As 3rd, with a crescent Or for difference [*Molyneux of Little Crosby*]; 6th, Gules, within a bordure engrailed Or, a lion rampant Argent, crowned Or [*Gernet*]; 7th, As 1st, with the fesse Sable and a mullet of the same, in the 1st and 4th quarters [*Norres of West Derby*]; 8th, Sable, fretty Argent, in chief a label Gules [*Harrington*];

9th, Argent, on a mount Vert a stag lodged Gules, attired Or [ ]; 10th, Argent, a fesse Gules between three birds Sable, beaked and legged of the second, a crescent Or for difference [ ]; 11th, Argent, a cross patonce Sable [ ]; 12th, Sable, three lions passant in pale Argent [*English*]; 13th, Argent, on a bend Sable three lozenges of the field, each charged with a saltire Gules [*Urswick*]; 14th, Argent, two bendlets Sable [ ]; 15th, Sable, a lion rampant Argent charged on the shoulder with a chess-rook Gules, [*Verdon*]; 16th, Argent, on a bend Vert three wolves' heads of the first, a mullet Sable for difference [*Myddelton*]; 17th, Vert, a chevron between three wolves' heads erased Argent, a mullet Sable [*Myddelton*]; 18th, Gules, on a bend Or, three lions passant (?) Sable [ ]; 19th, Argent, two birds in pale Sable [ ]; 20th, Argent, a cross Sable, charged with a mullet Gules, a canton Ermine [*Whitehead* or *Hollinshead*?]—

Here lyeth y^e^ body of S^r^ Henry Bunbury of Stanney in y^e^ County of Chester K^t^ | he married 2 Wiues: first Anne daughter of Geffrey Shakerley of Holme | in y^e^ County of Chester Esq^r^ by whom he had yſsue 3 sonnes & 6 daughters of | whom there is suruiuing a sone & 4 daugh^ters^ to his 2nd wife he married Martha da= | ughter to Edẅ: Norreys of Speake in y^e^ County of Lancaſt: Esq^r^ by whom he had | yſsue 7 sõnes & 3 daugh^ters^ of whom there is suruiuing 6 sõnes & 2 daughters. |

The foregoing inscription is above the two shields, and below them is—

The foreſayd S^r^ Henry dyed on y^e^ viii^th^ day of ſeptember An^o^ 1634. |

Sir Henry Bunbury's Funeral Certificate will be found in *Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates*, Record Society, vol. vi., where the names of his issue and their marriages are stated, adding to the pedigree contained in Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*. Sir Henry was knighted in 1603, before the coronation of James I.

He made a nuncupative will "about the moneth of September 1634 about three days before his decease," which was proved at Chester. He required his debts to be paid, and gave the rest to his wife Dame Martha Bunbury and his two daughters Martha and Priscilla equally. The inventory of his goods, amounting to £919, 19s. 4d., was taken, 11th October 1634, by Thomas Benett of Willaston, yeoman, Thomas Streete of Ockleston, William Adams of Sutton, Thomas Crossle, of Ledsham, and Thomas Hicock of Woodebank.

The will or "Martha Bunbury, widow, late wife of S[r] Henry Bunbury, of Stanney, Knight," dated 6th November 1639, was proved at Chester 9th May 1643 by Priscilla Bunbury and John Werden. The testatrix desires to be buried at Thornton; mentions "John Bunbury, her eldest son, Thomas 2 son, Sackfild 3 son, George 4 son, Gefferay 5 son, Dutton 6 son, daughter Alice Smith." She gives to Martha Bunbury, daughter of Sir Henry Bunbury [by his first wife], a feather bed, &c., and also "the jewell my [step] sonne Richardson gaue vnto mee." "To daughter Precilla Bunbury my house in Chester near St. John's Church to her and her heirs, and the goods, jewels, plate, chattels, &c., in or about my house in Chester. I give to her also the Annuity that I bought which was my brother Jeffrey Bunbury's, being £5 yearly during his life." Executors: Daughter Priscilla and Mr. John Worthen [Werden] of Chester, gent., and Raphe Cotgreave of Geldne Sutton, yeoman, and for overseers Mr. Henry Berknett, of Chester, the elder, Esqr., and John Trevis of Horton, gent. Signed with a mark. Witnesses: John Eaton his mark. Robert Taylor.

The inventory of Dame Martha Bunbury, of the City of Chester, amounting to £531, 3s. 5d., was taken by Mr. Edward Evans, mercer, and Mr. Thomas Wright, watchmaker, both of Chester, and John Eaton, of Stanney, yeoman. It comprises Linen, &c., £60; Coach horses, coach and harness, £50; Books, £3; Gilde[d] Plate, £49, 15s. 10d.; White Plate, £24, 5s. 4d.; Two Borders of Jewels, £23, 6s. 8d.; Eight gold rings, £6, 10s.; Braſslete and Jewells, £15; and In old Gold, £22.

[104]

A square marble tablet below the above panel—

In memory of | the Rev[d] Rowland Chambre late Rector of this Pariſh. | He was preſented to this Church in the year 1760, | where no Predeceſſor having reſided | within the memory of Man, | it devolved upon him to Refit the Parſonage, | erect ſeveral additional Buildings, | and decorate the Grounds about

it. | He resided here during his Incumbency, | and died the tenth day of December | in the Year of our Lord 1796, | aged 65. | Hac domus ultima | Tendimus omnes. | [*sic*]

The Rev. Rowland Chambre was the son of Francis Chambre, attorney-at-law, of Petton, Salop. He was of St. John's College, Cambridge, A.B. 1749, A.M. 1753; Deacon 1752, Priest 1753. Instituted Vicar of Madeley, Salop, 1753, and Rector of Sheinton, Salop, 15th March 1756, being again instituted Vicar of Madeley 16th March 1756. Vacated both livings, and was instituted Rector of Thornton-le-Moors 29th September 1760. Instituted Rector of Berrington, Salop, 1787. On 5th June 1787, when he was described as Chaplain to James, Earl of Hopetoun, he received a dispensation from the Archbishop of Canterbury to hold Thornton and Berrington, the livings being valued at £300 and £250 respectively, and their distance apart stated to be not more than thirty miles. He held both until his death, and much enlarged Thornton Rectory, adding a storey thereto. He published a sermon on Ephesians vi. 10, *Religion the principle and support of rational courage, preached at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, before the Regiment of Volunteers on their first receiving the Colours*, Shrewsbury, 1759, 4to. (See Scott's *Admissions to St. John's College*, iii. 559.) His will, dated 28th April 1789, was proved at Chester, under £100, 12th January 1797, by his widow, Elizabeth Chambre, the sole executrix and legatee. The will is sealed with a much obliterated seal of the armorial bearings of his family, with helm and mantlet, which, according to Burke's *General Armory*, are: Azure, an armed arm embowed Or, issuing from the sinister holding a red rose slipped and leaved proper. The crest on the seal is a greyhound's head.

[105]

In the south wall of the chapel are three windows; the middle one of two lights is inscribed—

To · the · glory · of · God · and · in · of · Elton · Hall · who · died · | Memory · of · Frances · Smith 12th · Sept: 1857 · aged · 75 · years.

[106]

On the same wall, immediately over the priest's door, is a lozenge-shaped painted panel, the frame highly ornamented with cruciform ornaments, and having leopards' faces at each corner, all in gilt. Arms: Quarterly of eight, viz.: 1st and 8th, *Bunbury;* 2nd, *Stanney;* 3rd, *Aldersey*, with a mullet

Argent in chief; 4th, *Barton;* 5th, *Stalker;* 6th, *Bamville,* with a crescent in the fesse-point; 7th, *Sylvester.* Impaling: 1st, Quarterly, Argent and Gules, four crosses pattée counterchanged [*Chetwode*[1]]; 2nd, Sable, three leopards' faces, jessant de lys Argent [*Ockley*]; 3rd, Sable, a lion rampant Argent [*Sounde*?]; 4th, Azure, a lion rampant Or [*Crewe*]; 5th, Azure, a plate between three crescents Or [*Ree*]; 6th, Argent, on a bend cotised Gules three crescents of the first [*Rawlegh*]; 7th, Quarterly, Argent and Sable, in the second and third a stag's head cabossed Or, over all a bend Gules [*Henhull*]; 8th, Ermine, on a chief indented Gules an annulet between two crowns Or [*Leche*]; 9th, Sable, a sling, or hand bow, in bend between two pheons Argent [*Cawarden*]; 10th, Vert, on a bend engrailed Argent three daws Sable, beaked and legged Gules [*Dawson*]; 11th, Vert, a bend Ermine [*Wettenhall*]; 12th, Argent, a wyvern with wings expanded Sable, beaked and legged Gules [ ]. At the sides of the arms are two crests, viz.: 1st, *Bunbury;* and 2nd, Out of a crest coronet Or a lion rampant Gules [*Chetwode*], with MEMĒTO MORI among the scrolls at the sides of the shield—

Next vnder this place lyeth y^{e} · body of Sarai daughter of Iohn Chetwoode of | ockley in y^{e} county of Stafford [Eſq^{r}] y^{e} late wife to Thomas Bunbury of Stan= | ney in y^{e} county Palatyne of Chester Eſq^{r} by whome she had yſsue 5: | soñs; Thomas & John which both died yonge & one unbaptized, Henry | William: & 7 daughters: Vrsula Martha Eleanor (Elizabeth | y^{e} died yonge) Abigail, Lidia, & Mary; she died y^{e} 24th | day of November Año Doñi 1671 aged almost= | forty & five yeares | Bleſsed are y^{e} dead which die in y^{e} Lord | euen so saith y^{e} spirit: for frô thence | forth they rest frô theire Labours. |

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[1] A fine Chetwode achievement, in colours, made in 1681 by Randle Holme, will be found in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, vol. i. 2nd series, page 76.

[107]

In the same wall, to the west of the priest's door, is a window of three lights, under which is a brass inscribed—

To the Glory of God | and in connection with | the restoration of this Church | A.D. 1878 this window is placed | in loving memory of his parents | by Joseph Pover of Elton Hall. |

[107*]

Since these notes were copied a brass has been erected on a pillar at the south side of the chancel, bearing the following inscription—

In grateful memory | of | Joseph Pover | of Elton Hall, | 22 years churchwarden | of this parish, | who died 27 Feb: 1904. | Aged 75 Years. | A kind neighbour, a firm friend | a just magistrate. | [*text.*] |

[108]

On the same south wall, further west, against the arch, is a marble tablet, with arms and crest in colours, on a Chippendale shield. Arms: Sable, a hind trippant Argent[1] [*Cottingham*], impaling, Argent, a saltire Gules [ ]. Crest: A man's head in profile proper wreathed about the temples Argent and Sable.

Underneath lies Interred | the Body of | Richard Cottingham, | of the City of Cheſter, Gent | (Eldeſt Son of Iohn Cottingham, | of Dunham on the Hill Gent.) | He Married Mary the only Daughter | and Heiress | of John Gregg of Elton Gent | by whom He had iſſue one son | named Iohn. | He departed this mortal life | the 27th of August 1720 | in the 49th Year of his Age. |

Administration of the goods of Richard Cottingham, of the City of Chester, gent., was granted at Chester, 20th September 1720, to his widow, Mary Cottingham; Philip Wright, of St. Dunstan's in the West, London, and Thomas Gill, of Chester, gent., joining in the bond. On 10th February 1742–3, Administration *de bonis non*, &c., was granted to John Cottingham, of Chester, gent. (Mrs.

[1] This should be Sable, two hinds counter-trippant Argent.

Mary Cottingham having died); John Parnell, of Chester, gent., and John Beech, of the same, yeoman, joining in the bond. On 23rd July 1743 Administration of the goods of John Cottingham, late of the parish of St. John the Baptist in Chester, gent., was granted to John Travers, of Trevallin, co. Denbigh, Esq., the principal creditor.

Here is the step down from the chapel into the south aisle.

[109] THE SOUTH AISLE

At the east end of the south wall, next the chapel, is an ornamental tablet with cherubim, esquire's helm and mantlet. Arms: Sable, two hinds counter-trippant Argent [*Cottingham*], and on a shield of pretence, Or, three trefoils slipped between two chevronels Sable [*Gregg*]. Crest: A man's head in profile, wreathed about the temples [Argent and Sable].

Here Lyeth intered with his Anceſtors | Peter Cottingham Esquire first Secretary | to the Lord Chancellor Macclesfield | who Dyed the 30th January 1743 | Aged 71. | Also Jane Cottingham his Dearly Beloved | Wife who Dyed the 23th of November 1751 | Aged 76. |

Below this monument is a piscina.

In the same wall, to the west, is a window of two lights of plain glass.

[110]

On the same wall, between the two westernmost windows, is a white marble tablet with a Gothic frame mounted on a grey marble slab—

In | Affectionate Remembrance | of | James Gerrard gent.[1] | of the Stand Field, Great Crosby, | Lancashire, | Born 30th January 1795 | Died 16th September 1877 | also | Hannah Jackson Gerrard | Born 6th July 1796 Died 2nd April 1881 | also | Ann Gerrard | Born 23rd December 1800, | Died 30th December 1887. |

[1] See Nos. 118 and 119.

Below the inscription is a coat of arms with two crests. Arms: Quarterly of six, viz.: 1st and 6th, Argent, a saltire Gules [*Fitzgerald*]; 2nd, Azure, a lion rampant [Ermine] crowned [Or] [*Gerard*]; 3rd, Vert [Azure], a lion rampant [Argent, *Montalt*]; 4th, Sable [Vert], a cross engrailed Ermine [*Kingsley*]; 5th [Argent], a tree eradicated [proper, *Sylvester?*]. Over all a crescent for difference. Crests: 1st, A lion's jamb erect and erased Ermine grasping a hawk's lure; 2nd, A lion rampant Ermine [both for *Gerard*]. Motto: Jehovah Jireth.

James Gerrard was, at one time, a druggist in Old Hall Street, Liverpool, and a considerable landowner at Crosby and the Island of Walney. He was a Governor or Visitor of the Merchant Taylors' School at Crosby, and is remembered as a good, charitable old bachelor and, as a lover of art, as one of the early patrons of Ansdell. On the 7th November 1809 he was apprenticed for seven years to John Taylor, of Liverpool, druggist; the premium paid was £100: Taylor was to find James Gerrard with meat, drink, and lodging, and his father, William Gerrard, of Liverpool, flour dealer, was to find him with clothing and washing during the term. At the end of his apprenticeship James Gerrard was not to carry on business "in any part of Liverpool nearer to the Southern part thereof than where St. George's Church is now standing and being in the same town." Mr. Gerrard claimed to be descended through his grandfather, James Gerrard, of Wimbolds Trafford (born 1710, died 1786), and his great-grandfather, James Gerrard, of Dunham (born 1688, died 1768) from the family of James Gerrard, gent. (No. 94), and had armorial glass set up at Standfield House.

[111]

On the same wall, to the east of the south door, is a white marble tablet mounted on black marble—

Sacred | To the memory of | John Cheers Wright, of Hapsford | who died | the 23rd day of November 1894, | aged 59 years. |
[Text: Psalm cxii. 6v] J. Palmer, Frodsham.

Mr. Wright, who had retired from business and lived at Hapsford, died quite suddenly at a meeting of ratepayers at Dunham o' th' Hill, aged 70 years (*Liverpool Daily Post*, 24th Nov. 1894).

Here is the south door.

[112]

In the south aisle, on the south side of the nave arcading, is a marble tablet with a blank shield, the inscription in capital letters—

Sacred | to the memory of | Thomas Roberts Esq^r^ | late of Crab Walle Hall in this County, | died 22nd March 1827 | aged 50. | Lucy Lloyd died 1 Dec: 1829 | aged 41. |
T. Kelley, Chester.

[113]

Carved on a pillar in the nave, very roughly cut—

C W
1705

Carved on a pillar near the organ—

Æ G
1705

[114] CHURCHYARD

The sun-dial has a shaft which probably dates from the seventeenth century. The dial plate is inscribed—

Iohn Percival
Edward Clough
17 Wardens 54
D. Seddon,
Frodsham,
Fecit.

[115]

On the west gable of the nave, outside, over the

window, is a square stone let into the wall, bearing this inscription in capital letters—

W·MYERE
I·PERCIEV
LL ∽ 1715
C W

[116]

In the porch to the south door, on the wooden panels above the door outside—

T·D I·G
C W
J 7 25

On the east lintel of the porch—

I G
J685
I C
1716

[117]

In the churchyard, in the south-east corner, is an altar tomb inscribed—

Here lieth the Body of | William Egerton of Dunham | who departed this Life | September the 9th 1747 | Aged 63 years | Also near hereto lieth | the Body of Mary late | wife to the aforesaid Wil | liam Egerton who depar | ted this Life April the 17th | 1757 aged 80 | Also near hereto lieth | interred the body of Ma | ry Egerton Daughter to | the aforesaid William Eg | erton she died December | the 20th 1763 Aged 44. |

[118]

A flat stone.

Sacred to the Memory of | Thomas Gerrard of Bridge | Trafford who departed this life | March 26th 1825 aged 83 Years |

Alſo Mary Wife of the above who | departed this life Aug^{t} 23rd 1843 | Aged 94 Years | Alſo Thomas their Son who | departed this life March 2nd 1842 | Aged 51 Years | Alſo Ann Daughter of the above | Thomas and Mary Gerrard | who died at Bridge Trafford | March 16th 1866 aged 79 Years. |

[119]

A granite tomb, with sarcophagus and head-stone, the inscription in capital letters—[1]

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[119*]

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE THORNTON-LE-MOORS BELLS

(1) Iesvs be ovr speed 1625.
(2) William Wright Samvel Norfolk
Chvrchwardens 1708.

This bell bears the mark of Ralph Ashton, of Wigan, bell-founder; on a shield, a bell between the letters R. A.

(3) Gloria in excelsis Deo 1625.
I.C. W.E. Wardens.
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